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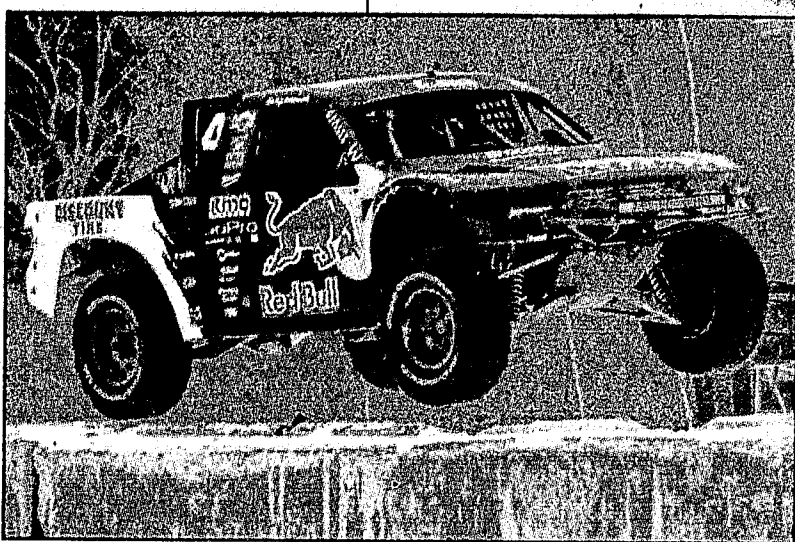
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Motorsports fans and skiers crowded the slopes at Sunday River Resort last Friday to watch the Red Bull Frozen Rush competition, featuring eight professional off-road racers testing their skills against a slalom and jump course on the ski slopes. Speeds reached over 90 miles per hour. Ricky Johnson came out on top in the finals, following two-at-a-time elimination rounds with drivers Bryce Menzies, Greg Adler, Johnny Greaves, Scott Douglas, Rob MacCachren, Carl Renezeder and Todd Le Duc. Here, a driver flies over the finish line behind a concrete barrier protecting spectators (right), who stood outside for several hours in temperatures that were in the teens. More photos, page 8.

A. Aloisio

Bethel:

Merge Water District, sewer dept.?

By ALISON ALOISIO

"We've nibbled at merging water and sewer for years. Something needs to get us over this, to grab the bull by the horns a little bit and let it come to the Water District."

That was Bethel Town Manager Jim Doar's advice to selectmen Monday and led eventually to a decision to seriously discuss merging the independent Bethel Water District with the town's wastewater treatment department.

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'What do you want to see on your Main Street?'

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen plan to schedule a public hearing in the near future to ask residents what types of businesses they would like to see on Main Street in Locke's Mills.

Town Manager Kim Sparks said Greenwood's Building Committee, which guided the construction of the new Town Office, has also been working

with Glenn Holmes, director of the Western Maine Economic Development Council and Matthew Eddy of consultants Eaton Peabody.

As part of the discussion on moving the Town Office, townspeople expressed interest in preserving the old Town Hall building and possibly seeking grant funds to help finance it. Eddy, who had been advising Mt. Abram on grant

funding, was contacted by the town. He suggested Holmes also be brought into the process, and the discussion expanded to the larger Main Street area.

"They've really been pushing us to develop a downtown plan because as you know there are a lot of empty buildings on Main Street," Sparks said at last week's selectboard meeting. She said they recommend

holding a public hearing to ask, "What do you want on your Main Street?"

Without such input, Sparks said, "Glenn says he can go out and fight to bring in business - then it'll be a business that no one wants."

Sparks said she would first schedule a meeting among the Building Committee, selectmen and Holmes and Eddy to discuss plans.

Greenwood waives foreclosure on contaminated land

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen last week voted to waive foreclosure on a one-acre parcel of PCB-contaminated land next to the Saunders Brothers Mill.

The mill has been shut down since last summer, although owner Louise Jonaitis of Portland said as recently as October she planned to re-open it this year.

In 2010 Jonaitis had put the contaminated parcel under ownership of a second company in order to complete her purchase of the mill at that time. The company is known as

"Greenwood Park Lands."

Without the arrangement the contaminated land, formerly a dump site for paints and other chemicals at the mill, would have threatened the sale of the mill property.

The town has been sending foreclosure notices to Jonaitis for unpaid taxes in 2011. The taxes total \$12.82, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

But the town does not want to take on responsibility for the contaminated parcel, and under state law has the right to waive foreclosing on it.

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After withdrawal vote fails, School Board mulls options for Andover

By AMY CHAPMAN

SAD 44 directors devoted most of Monday's meeting to discussing the implications of the recent school district withdrawal vote in Andover. The ballot question received approval from 64.5 percent of voters, falling just eight votes short of the two-thirds majority needed to withdraw from the district.

The board agreed with Supt. David Murphy's assessment that the closeness of the vote showed the strength of Andover's commitment to maintaining a school in their community. Because the proposal received more than 60 percent of the vote, proponents of withdrawal

from the district have the option of restarting the process immediately, rather than waiting three years, as the state would otherwise have mandated.

Bethel director Deb Webster asked if there was a timeline for Andover residents to restart the withdrawal process.

Director Tim Akers of

Andover responded that a petition is already being circulated, and has received enough signatures to restart the process.

Tim Carter of Bethel questioned whether withdrawal proponents are fighting to keep the current Andover Elementary School, which he de-

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'Americans Who Tell the Truth' artist to speak at schools in Bethel

By AMY CHAPMAN

Students at Gould Academy and Telstar High School will have a unique cultural opportunity during the week of Martin Luther King Day, when Maine painter Robert Shetterly will discuss his portrait series, Americans Who Tell the Truth (AWTT) with the student bodies of both schools.

In addition, paintings from his widely acclaimed project will be on display

at Gould's Owen Art Gallery until mid-February.

Shetterly began the series after the events of Sept. 11, 2001 to "present citizens who courageously engage issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness." Since beginning the project, he has painted nearly 200 portraits.

Among his subjects are educators, artists, environmental crusaders, and advocates for peace, equality, and justice. Each por-

trait includes a quote from the subject, etched into the oil paint.

The paintings chosen for the Bethel exhibit (for which Shetterly has generously agreed to waive his usual exhibition fee of \$200 per painting) include two of Shetterly's most recent portraits, those of Maine Passamaquoddy citizens and activists Esther Attean and Denise Altwater.

Attean and Altwater have been instrumental in the

creation of the Maine-Wabanaki State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) process. It is largely due to their efforts that Maine has become the first state in the nation to establish a TRC, charged with investigating and acknowledging the harm done to Wabanaki children and families by the Maine child welfare system, creating opportunities for healing, and as-

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Bethel Citizen launches new website

The Bethel Citizen is launching a new website this week at www.bethelcitizen.com.

All of our readers will be able to view items including breaking news/emergency announcements, timely photos, a story or two from the current print edition, and community events articles and announcements, as well as listings for our Community Calendar, Church Services and regular community meetings and services.

Members/subscribers may also access the e-edition - the entire Bethel Citizen just as it appears in print - on this website. You will find all front-page stories, letters to the editor, obituaries, columnists, the police log, sports, special photo

pages and the other features found in the print edition.

We hope readers will find the new website format useful and helpful. Please contact us at news@bethelcitizen.com, ads@bethelcitizen.com or 824-2444 with events to list, suggestions or questions.

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Letters

CHANGE 'STOP' TO 'YIELD?'

To the Editor:

I was just wondering if the people in the Town of Bethel should think about doing away with the stop signs. What I see is that 98 percent of the people do not stop at them, and 100 percent of them are not enforced. I travel on Route 26 and Route 2 all the time and I see more people driving through the stop sign on the Sunday River Road, Parkway and by the sign that says "Oxford County Sheriff's Office." I also see them going through the Mallard Mart parking lot to get ahead of you.

If we can't get them to stop, just change the signs to "Yield." That way the people on the main roads will know to yield to them.

Ozzie Hart
Bethel

'DONORS CHOOSE' THANKS

To The Editor:

The entire Telstar Middle School community would like to express its appreciation to those who donated to the "Donors Choose" project. Here is an explanation of Donors Choose from its website: "DonorsChoose.org is an online charity that makes it easy for anyone to help students in need. Public school teachers from every corner of America post classroom project requests on our site, and you can give any amount to the project that most inspires you."

At Telstar Middle School, eighth grade English teacher, Mrs. Lindsay Luetje has spent significant time and effort in coordinating a Donors Choose project to enable the purchase of books. Purchased books can be selected by deserving students as a token of appreciation for having demonstrated consistent positive and helpful behaviors, along with solid academic effort, at a level which sets them significantly above the majority. Donors have stepped up to make it possible for us to purchase over \$400 worth of brand new books.

Here are the individuals we would like to thank directly for enabling us succeed in this endeavor: Margie Finley, Stacey Sandvoss, Rosemary Laban, William Ullman, John Laban, Gerald Broomhall, Mark Kenney, Lindsay Luetje, Donna Brooks, Karen Harrington, The Lowe family of Illinois, Jason Conny of Illinois, Jamie Hastings, Margaret Donabed of Massachusetts.

Joe Bailey for the staff and students of Telstar Middle School

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Woodstock Elementary School held a Longaberger Basket Bingo fundraiser for the Boston trip for the fifth grade.

Howling winds and temperatures of 20 below zero took their toll on automobiles and water pipes, and caused some area schools to cancel classes.

Births: Cheyanne Darlene St. Cyr, Frances Hazel-May Boutilier.

Deaths: Robert C. Perry, Vera May Buck, Rex L. Thurston.

20 years ago: Brutally cold trans-polar air masses were battering the area bringing cold temperatures and high winds. Skier visits at Sunday River were down 60 percent over Martin Luther King Weekend, due to the cold.

U.S. Representative: Olympia Snowe was in Bethel to meet with area residents.

Deaths: Shirley I. Hodsdon, Ralph S. Robbins, Perry E. Burgi, Flora M. Whitten, Elmer J. Howard, Sr.

30 years ago: Gayland J. Dooen was appointed as Bethel Postmaster to succeed Bud Paine who retired in September of 1983.

The January art exhibit at the Bethel Library was a collection of paintings by Louise Newton of Bethel.

Deaths: Robert A. McPherson, Florence C. Bailey, Anne B. Conroy, Fernando (Fern) Boudreau.

40 years ago: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Tyler in Gilead was destroyed by fire.

It was reported that between 1,500 and 1,800 gallons of gasoline had apparently been stolen from the SAD 44 storage tanks at Telstar Regional High School.

Birth: Jessica Lynn Carver.

Deaths: Edmund L. Withee, Mrs. Fern L. Rowland, Miss Pauline King.

50 years ago: A Sanborn's Motor Express truck snapped a guying cable on the smokestack at Hanover Dowel Co., causing the stack to topple.

The Algernon Chapman house on Bridge Street was torn down. It was last occupied by Elmer Bean, Jr. and family.

Births: Ross Aaron Swan, Thomas David Morton, Jody Shimamura.

Deaths: Mrs. Helen Hanscom.

60 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Christie bought the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Davis on Mason Street.

The home of Herschel Walker on Vernon Street was destroyed in a fast-moving early morning fire.

Deaths: William J. Greig, Thomas A. DeCosta, Leon E. Noyes, Frank Irvin French.

70 years ago: Notice was given by the town officers of the intention of the laying out of a street connecting Chapman Street with Vernon Street along Tyler Street. Application was made by F.J. Tyler and seven other citizens.

Mrs. Ava Austin was preparing the hot lunches for the school lunch program.

80 years ago: The home of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Howe in Skillingston was destroyed by fire.

Paul Head purchased the Dexter Mills blacksmith shop and lot of land at West Bethel.

Deaths: Mrs. Lucy Leach, Albert F. Hamlin.

90 years ago: Roy Thomas was elected county agent of Oxford County to succeed Raymond Lovejoy who resigned.

Thermometers were registering 6 to 20 below in different sections of town.

100 years ago: The mill ponds on Songo road were flooded to afford good skating.

Deaths: Mrs. Lucy Morgan Mason, Israel P. Emmons.

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sure the best child welfare system possible.

Arla Patch of Bryant Pond has been involved with Maine-Wabanaki REACH (the acronym stands for Reconciliation, Engagement, Advocacy, Change, and Healing), a cross-cultural collaborative which assists the efforts of the TRC, since early 2012. In 2013 she was hired as REACH's Community Education Coordinator, helping to spread its message of promoting "best child welfare practice...for and between Wabanaki and Maine citizens, communities, and governments."

When Patch learned of Shetterly's portrait project, she knew that the two women most responsible for helping to develop and promote the truth and reconciliation process in Maine belonged in the series.

Remembering his portraits, but not his name—and not aware that he was a Maine resident—Patch searched out his work on the Internet and found his contact information. Then, she says, "I cold-called him and asked him if he had heard about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

Shetterly had heard of the TRC, but wanted to know more. When Patch described their work, he was receptive, and agreed to meet with her.

After talking extensively with Patch, Shetterly traveled to Sipayik (the Pleasant Point reservation in eastern Maine), to interview Altvater, and then to

Indian Island to interview Attean. He photographed both women and returned to his studio to create the portraits.

Attean, a training specialist at USM's Muskie School of Public Service, has spent more than a decade educating native and non-native people about the effects of government policy on generations of indigenous people. She has consistently spoken out against racial bias, the removal of native children from their communities, and their forced assimilation into white society.

Altvater was one of six sisters forcibly removed from their home in the 1960s and placed with a foster family, where they endured four years of physical, emotional, and sexual abuse before being relocated to another home. She continued to suffer from the trauma after eventually being reunited with her birth mother, and over the years became a leading voice for the truth and reconciliation process.

In the 1990s, Wabanaki children were being taken from their homes and placed in foster care, often with non-native families, at 18 times the rate of children from non-native families. Because of this inequity, Maine was out of compliance with the federal Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978, which mandates a priority of keeping native children with tribal members.

In danger of losing federal funding due to non-compliance, the state reached out to the tribe to help

them improve their practices. Altvater stepped up to tell her story for a training film that was used to educate DHS workers on the importance of the ICWA.

Patch says education is key in creating an atmosphere of trust and respect between native and non-native peoples.

"In giving this talk to largely non-native audiences, I have witnessed what I call unmetabolized grief that we carry," she says. "The enormity of how sad this history makes it hard for folks to learn about it. That is why a truth commission is needed. But as we work through our feelings, we need to turn them into fuel, to fuel action. Unless non-native people can partner and become

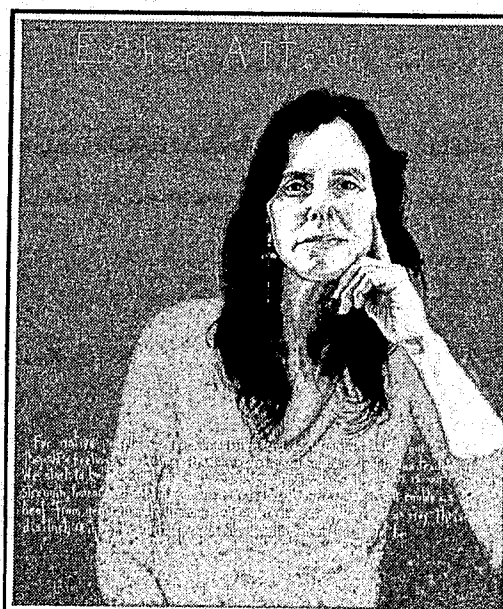
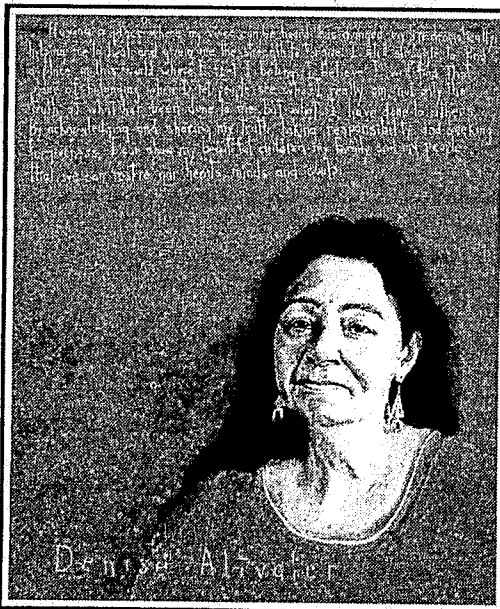
allies with native people, it's never going to turn around."

Thanks to the work of Attean, Altvater, and others who worked to establish the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the TRC's mandate was signed in June of 2012 by the Maine Wabanaki chiefs and Gov. Paul LePage.

The five commissioners will spend three years meeting with and taking testimony from individuals, families, and child welfare workers who were affected by what Patch describes as "multi-generational trauma" caused by government policies designed to destroy the cultural identity of native peoples.

MLK Events

On Martin Luther King,



PORTRAITS—Passamaquoddy citizens Denise Altvater and Esther Attean were instrumental in developing the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Their portraits are included in an exhibit of works from Maine painter Robert Shetterly's series, *Americans Who Tell the Truth*, on display at Gould Academy's Owen Art Gallery through mid-February.

Ken Woisard

Celladore

'Louis is coming'

In rolled a red car, our Mr. I.A. who looked about and thought we had made incredible advances. In came another car, a man looking for Louis.

"Sit down; I'll find him," said B.B. He shouted upstairs for Louis to come down. I put on the coffeepot. Louis appeared, not from upstairs but from the slide where he had been measuring for a new ceiling. He dispatched the man's business very promptly.

"No, I cannot tell you when I will come and paint your church. Just look at the mess around here. I'm not going one step anywhere until I get this house fixed. These people can't live in this dirt; your church is clean. Not one step am I coming now and that is it," and he flew away.

"Coffee is ready," I called to him. "Bring Keith and have some with Mr. I.A." Once again we dusted off plaster and gathered around the table. "Now Mr. I.A.," said Louis, "you know what it would cost in the city for the work I'm doing. Don't bother these people with estimates and all that jazz. I never charge city prices." "I won't," said Mr. I.A. "I've seen your work. B.B. said you only started this morning. I'll hire you to work for me any time."

Next came Dotti to ride her horse. She stopped in long enough to help me finish scrubbing out the slide. With her long arms, it was easy for her and a great boon to my muscles and morale. I dared not have it ready for Louis the next day. In late afternoon we were alone, the first day in ages that B.B. had been home all day long. He wondered how I liked Louis. I adored him if I could keep up with him. "I understand now why you are so tired at night," volunteered B.B., "This is not an easy life."

"It certainly isn't," I answered. "If you're willing to bring me back, I'd like to go down and have supper and a bath at your hotel."

The pace did not slacken next day; nor the day after. It was something like living in a hurricane. Louis did not settle down and plod away at one room until it was done. Rather he worked assembly-line style, flitted here and there, never seemed to be working but at night mountains of work had been accomplished.

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "what color do you want the inside of this pantry slide cupboard painted?" "I don't care, as long as it's clean and bright." "May as well give it the old 1299 then."

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis from the dining room where he was taking off what shreds of paper were still left on the outside walls and also patching the plaster, "whoever papered this room?" "B.B. and I," I said humbly.

"Well, you did quite well, but if you'd like I'll show you how to patch plaster so there are no bulges in the wall." He placed four flat snowflake-shaped metal pieces at four corners where the plaster was tight and smooth. Boldly he scraped away all the old crumbling section and filled it in with new plaster. When it was dry he sandpapered it smooth; a sleek wall again. He explained that all plasters are different in composition; it is necessary to mix just the right elements to bind together. I began to see why what had seemed to me the contents of a whole hardware store in the shed were necessary.

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "I've finished painting the slide cupboards; now you can wash all your stuff and put it back. And while you are in here, why don't you scrub up all the drawers of this desk cupboard and then I can paint that."

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "what color do you want the shelves painted in this upstairs closet?" "I don't care," say I. "May as well give it the old 1299."

"Oh, Melly," calls Louis, "what do you want done about the jagged cuts in the paneling in the north bedroom wall?"

Upstairs I go, remembering how the firemen had axed into this to keep the fire from spreading. "I don't know," I answer. "I suppose you will have to rip out the whole wall and put in a new one." "I'll fix it so that you won't ever know where it was cut," says Louis. "By all means fix it if you can, but it isn't necessary to ask my permission; I know nothing about such work."

"I know you don't," says Louis, "but I will have to cut out a little more space here. I was afraid you would hear me chopping and come screaming up the stairs."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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scribed as "a white elephant" and "a time bomb," due to its age and maintenance issues, or if they would consider other options to keep a school in their town. "Are they trying to save that building, or are they trying to save a school in Andover?" Carter asked.

Andover director Mark Shraiberg replied that it was hard to separate the goals of withdrawal proponents, but he added that he had heard from some Andover residents that they felt the district had been neglecting needed repairs to AES with the idea that eventually it would fall into disrepair and have to be closed.

Shraiberg also said some of the people who voted against withdrawal did so because they wanted to stay in the district, but that some of those people also wanted to keep AES open. He suggested that Andover residents might be willing to take on some of the work and costs of maintenance themselves, through volunteering and Contractor Days.

He wondered about the possibility of transferring ownership of the building from the district to the town. "Having and maintaining the school is a big job, and I think Andover would feel better about that job being theirs if the school was owned by them," he said.

Webster pointed out that some who voted for withdrawal were most interested in gaining more local control over the education of their students. "We can't necessarily look at just keeping the building open as meeting everybody's desires, because I think some people think they don't have enough control here on the board."

Marcel Polak of Woodstock said he had always been a proponent of both keeping Andover in the district, and keeping the school open. The school directors have been told that they can't commit future boards to agreements made by the current board, Polak said, but he feels there needs

to be some type of long-range plan.

"The repeated year-by-year decisions we have had to make—I don't want to do that anymore," he said. "I don't want to go through this again. It saps too much energy, and there's too much negativity around the whole process."

He acknowledged that any long-range plan would require some flexibility, and an agreement that if the enrollment continued to decline, there would be a point at which everyone could agree that keeping the school open was no longer a viable option.

"Andover has to be thinking about what's good for Andover. The school board has to think about what's good for five towns," Polak said. "That equation can't ever be balanced. That's why we have to consider cost per pupil."

Andover director Esau Cooper agreed that if the district came up with a long-term commitment to keeping the school open, it would remove the animosity.

Shraiberg said even a two-year agreement would be beneficial, as it would give the town one year to consider their options without the fear that the school was on the verge of being closed.

Murphy suggested the formation of a small ad hoc committee, consisting of three board members and three Andover residents, to determine exactly what the issues are—keeping the school open, school choice, independence—and to see if there is some middle ground.

He said that those serving on the committee should be willing to commit to attending several meetings within a short time period, and suggested an initial report from the committee could be heard as soon as the board's next meeting, in two weeks.

Although the process of considering withdrawal raised several issues, Polak said he believed the focus should be on keeping

AES open.

"I have no interest in trying to remodel a new governance structure for this board," he said. On the issue of school choice, Polak said Andover residents already have some degree of school choice. Like all residents, they can apply for a superintendent's agreement to allow their children to attend school in another district.

Murphy said there is more information available now than there was when the issue was first studied, including a draft budget estimate from the withdrawal committee's independent consultant.

That estimate put the total cost of an independent Andover school system at approximately \$1.2 for the 2014-15. For the current school year, Andover is paying \$492,000 as its share of district costs, plus an additional \$140,000 to keep AES open.

Carol Everett of Bethel and Polak will represent the school board on the committee, with Roberta Taylor of Bethel serving as alternate. Murphy said he would contact the Andover board of selectmen to expedite the selection of town representatives to the committee.

In other business, the board approved the transfer of Leann Caruso from Andover Elementary School Secretary to Telstar High School Secretary. The following appointments were approved: Ann Costa and Kevin Gallant to coach basketball at Andover and Crescent Park Schools, respectively; Dee Field-Nadeau as AES Yearbook Advisor; Susan Gordon as CPS Yearbook Advisor; Heidi Bullen and Kathy Conrad as CPS Student Council Co-Advisors; and Sarah Southam as the district's Chemical Hygiene Officer.

At their next meeting, on Jan. 27 at Woodstock Elementary School, the board will hear an overview of the Teacher Incentive Fund Grant by Scott Harrison, Executive Director of Maine Schools for Excellence.

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"This is one I know we'll never get paid and I don't want the town to own it," said Sparks.

By waiving foreclosure and placing the record of it with the Registry of Deeds for Oxford County, the town can avoid becoming automatic owners of the land, she said. "It remains [Greenwood Park Lands] property," said Sparks.

The town has also been sending foreclosure notices to Jonaitis for the mill property itself for nonpayment of 2011 taxes, she said. Over the past three years a total of about \$15,000 is owed, according to Sparks.

"No one's heard anything from her, period," she said. "If she's not serious about it, then let's find someone who will be, instead of leav-

ing it empty, because that doesn't help anybody."

Jonaitis and her business partners started out manufacturing rolling pins and assembling Moosehead Furniture components previously manufactured in Monmouth. Her recent plan for reopening the mill called for overall production to be about 60 percent furniture and 40 percent wood dowels. Most recently 15 people were employed there.

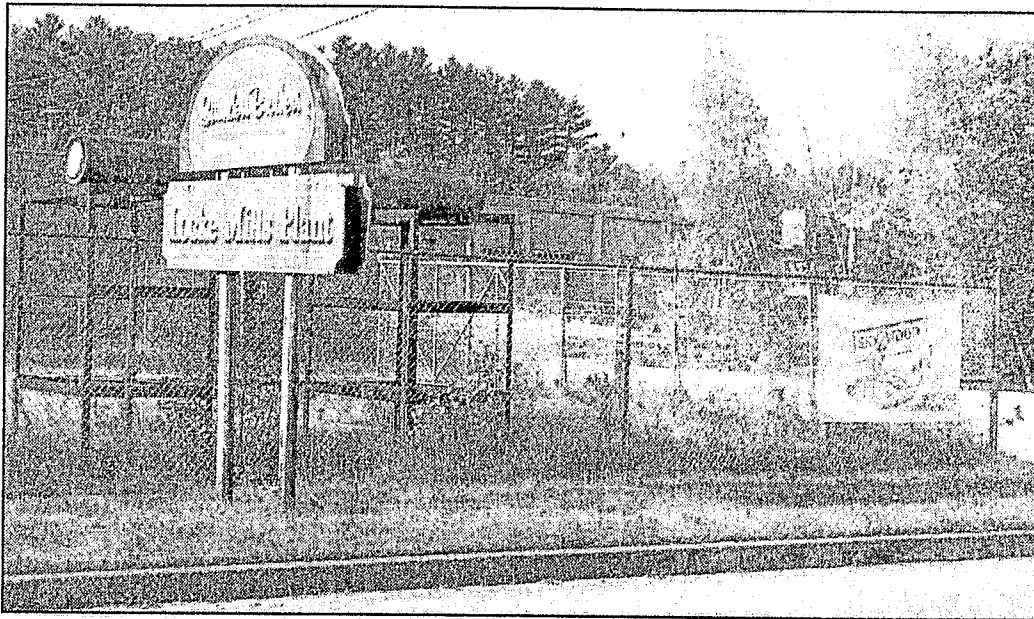
Before buying the Greenwood mill at auction, Jonaitis had been part of other business ventures including the purchase of the Moosehead Furniture brand, the Ethan Allen mill in Andover and Plumbago Mountain in Newry, where a large tourmaline deposit was found in 2004.

Records in Newry show real estate transfers relating to property foreclosure involving Jonaitis that took place last August.

Real estate transfer documents show Jonaitis' signature to transfer 1,812 acres from Plumbago Timber & Quarries, LLC and Robert A. Brown, LLC to "Ubrichto" of Freeport, with a notation "deed in lieu of foreclosure."

Another transfer shows Jonaitis' signature for a similar transfer of 120 acres from the Newry-Dunton Tourmaline Mining, LLC to Northeast Trading Corp. also of Freeport, and showing the same address as Ubrichto.

Jonaitis could not be reached for comment on the issues by press time.



Saunders Mill in Locke's Mills in October. The parcel of contaminated land is located to the right of the area shown in the photo.

File photo

SeniorsPlus seeks citizen input on dementia support services

SeniorsPlus is holding focus groups in Lewiston and Farmington to receive input from citizens who have or are caring for someone with memory loss. "Hearing directly from citizens who have dementia or from those who are caring or have cared for someone with memory loss will help SeniorsPlus in its work to improve community awareness, education and support for others with the same diagnosis," says Connie Jones, Director of Community Services at SeniorsPlus.

The focus group will address questions such as:

- Where did you first turn to get a diagnosis?
- How long did you wait before seeking help?
- What were your next steps after you received a diagnosis?
- Who or what was your most valuable resource for information and education?
- What has worked best and been most helpful to your family and you?
- What do you think you would do differently if you had to start down this road again?

Strong awareness about dementia in the community empowers individuals, family members, friends, and community members to take action to support individuals with dementia so they can live the fullest lives possible with their disease.

The focus groups will be held on Monday, Jan. 27. Farmington: 3 p.m., (location to be determined) Lewiston: 5:30 p.m., SeniorsPlus Education Center. For more information or to sign up, please call Kathy Brill at 207-513-3728.

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MERGE

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The town has struggled in recent years to try to keep costs for sewer service down.

The issue of a merger arose as the board considered an applicant to fill a spot on the BWD's Board of Trustees. Doar asked selectmen if there should be "vetting" of candidates to determine their willingness to consider a merger. A tentative decision to talk to the applicant about his views before approving him prompted Selectman Peter Southam to suggest the selectboard should first determine where it stands on the question.

That prompted a strong statement of support from former Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole, who said he was speaking only as a water and sewer ratepayer.

"Clearly the water and sewer system can be run

with fewer people if it was combined," he said. "Why you as a board continue to look the other way on the question of a merger - or perhaps you're not looking the other way - it seems encouraging, some of the comments here."

"The fact that people are paying, in my estimate, 10 to 30 percent higher than they need to for the cost of handling water and sewer in the community, and there's no discussion about it, that seems like a dereliction of your duty. At least have a conversation, as the selectman here said. You may not have unanimous consent. I'm sure you won't with this board."

"The people right around the Water District there, it's anathema to them to discuss it, but why do those people set the agenda for the community? The selectmen are the

people on the ballot. They ought to be setting the agenda."

"If you can't come up with a majority to have a discussion that's one thing, but to simply sweep it under the rug doesn't seem to be appropriate or in the public interest."

Board Chair Stan Howe said it wasn't a question of having a discussion, but the circumstances under which to do it.

Southam advocated making BWD board appointments with a merger in mind - if that is what the board as a whole wants.

He said

"If we've got an agenda, we should decide what the agenda is, and appoint someone to the board who is going to further that agenda," he said.

The board voted to discuss a merger at their Feb. 10 meeting.

"Cause for Laughter" benefit at Mt. Abram

By Amy Halsted

Back for its second year, "Cause for Laughter" combines a rare blend of joy and community effort for very good affect.

Founded by Kathleen (Kate) Carroll on behalf of her friend, Colleen Kersey Martineau, whose daughter Kelly Martineau's children face nearly insurmountable health issues, Cause for Laughter raises substantial funds to support their ongoing treatments. Through the efforts of local individuals and businesses, the event enjoys minimal overhead.

"When my beloved friend was losing her battle with cancer, I said 'go, and I'll be here for your children and grandchildren,'" says Carroll. "Kelly needs help and I can." Both of Kelly's children are autistic and each has additional health concerns from mitochondria to celiac disease and more.

To be held at Mt. Abram again in 2014, the fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m.; the show begins at 7 p.m. The entrance fee is \$20 (including a \$10 voucher toward a 2014 lift ticket at Mt. Abram). Attendees will enjoy a comedy show with Kate Carroll and Jordan Handren-Seavey, live auction, a 50/50 raffle and custom jewelry made on-site by Ellen Jones Rings. Preshow dinner and drinks can be purchased at Loose Boots. Attendees must be 21 years and older to attend.

Awestruck by the level of support she receives, Kelly Martineau expressed her gratitude by saying of last year's event, "I saw God in all of you. I'm not sure I can ever express how blessed God has made my life by bringing Tucker and Ava to me and allowing me to be their mother is beyond a privilege. There are surely times when I don't know 'how' we will make it. And then, not a minute too soon, but not a minute too late, my God shows up and delivers a night like he did on Saturday! My dream is to pay it forward to some of the amazing people who have aided in Tucker and Ava's journey to recovery from autism!"

"While Cause for Laughter has a serious purpose,

the event is great fun," says Carroll. "It's a joy putting together and the level of support is breathtaking." Items in the live auction paint a good picture. A partial list includes two nights at any Omni Hotel in North America; dinner for four at the Top Shack at Mt. Abram with Owner Rob Lally; a three-hour private ski lesson with Gould's Matt Erickson; First Tracks & Breakfast with Karl Strand, Sunday River mountain manager; an autographed copy of Melissa Coleman's "This Life in Your Hands"; and two tickets to the Celtics v. Pacers game on March 1.

Rooster's Roadhouse,

Loose Boots Lounge at Mt. Abram and the Cause for Laughter committee have tickets for sale. The committee works on various aspects of putting on the show and includes: Barbara Brooks, Bethel; Angie Carroll, Bethel; Kate Carroll, Bethel; Ron Carroll, Bethel; Sue Dunn, Gorham Me.; Amy Halsted, Newry; Laurie Knowles Herron, Linda Michaels, Bethel, Ross Michaels.

Carroll noted that additional businesses are involved. She extended particular thanks to Mt. Abram Ski Area, Rooster's Roadhouse and Royal River Graphics for their support.



Ava and Tucker Sastamoine

Submitted photo



CAUSE FOR LAUGHTER COMMITTEE-From left: Laurie Knowles Herron, Sue Dunn, Linda Michaels, Ron Carroll, Kate Carroll, Ross Michaels, Matty Leach. Submitted photo

Arrest warrant issued in 2012 Mt. Mann Jeweler theft

By Matthew Daigle, Sun Media Wire

An Idaho man incarcerated in Massachusetts on burglary charges will be extradited to Maine, after DNA evidence linked him to a 2012 burglary in Bethel, Oxford County Chief Deputy Hart Daley said in a press release last week.

Daley said James Radler of Idaho was recently indicted by an Oxford County grand jury on charges of burglary, theft and criminal mischief.

"On Oct. 18, 2012, Deputy Matthew Noyes of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office responded to an alarm at Mt. Mann Jeweler in Bethel," Daley said in the press release. Noyes discovered the glass en-

try door had been shattered with a rock, and that nearly \$10,000 had been taken, he said.

"During their investigation, police officers found a small tissue near the shattered glass," Daley continued, "and after sending it to the Maine State Police Crime Lab and performing a National Database Search, they discovered that the DNA on the tissue belonged to Radler."

Daley said Radler has active arrest warrants in Washington state for probation violation from a charge of forgery, an arrest warrant in New Hampshire for a nonresidential burglary, and one from Idaho for a parole vi-

olation from a charge of forgery.

Radler has previous convictions for theft, forgery, robbery, burglary, eluding police and fraud, Daley said.

"An Internet search of 'James Radler' provides several 2013 newspaper articles, advising that Radler has been suspected of a 'cross country jewel theft spree' with a 'smash and grab' MO," Daley said.

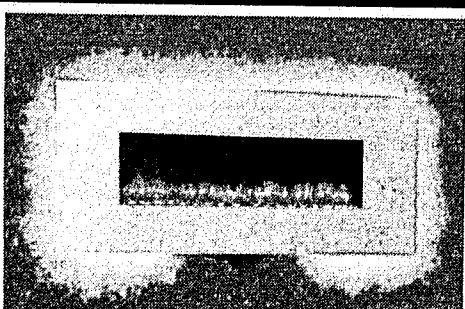
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Daley said that the Oxford County Sheriff's Office has obtained an arrest warrant for Radler and will extradite him to Maine.

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The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard



I am suffering from a severe case of the "out of's." I haven't gone through this for quite a while, but it's not a new affliction either.

I am most often afflicted with the "out of's" a few weeks after Christmas, which, of course, is when I have the biggest "out of" of all and that is money.

The other day I decided I would do some baking. All of the holiday candies and goodies are long gone and I thought it was time to have something sweet in the house again.

That's when I encountered my first "out of" of the day. I was out of sugar. Had I been an organized cook I would have assembled the ingredients before I started mixing, but no one has ever accused me of being organized. Adding the sugar was the fourth step in the recipe and that's when I discovered that I was "out of" it.

They say honey is a good substitute for sugar, but I can tell you that it isn't true in all cases.

As I was dumping the mixture into the trash my husband yelled from the bathroom, "We're out of toilet paper."

I was sure I had a backup roll, but as fate would have it, I did not. I did have a handful of Kleenex, a few paper towels and a lot of newspapers. He settled for the paper towels.

When I went to get the paper towels I noticed that the saltshaker was empty.

You guessed it...I was "out of" salt too.

I felt we could live without salt for the supper meal, which turned out to be no problem at all because when I started to cook supper I found that I was "out of" gas. That explained that odd smells that's been around the last few days.

The good news is that I had ham and cheese in the refrigerator. The bad news is that I was "out of" bread

the car fully expecting that it would be "out of" gas. Fortunately, it wasn't "out of" gas. Unfortunately, the battery was "out of" juice and it wouldn't start and I was "out of" patience.

I sat down on the front steps not sure if I should laugh or cry. As I sat there shivering in the cold, and it was darn cold, I looked at our Christmas tree leaning against the fence waiting to go to Christmas tree heaven.

It was a beautiful tree and it hit me that such a short time ago it was beautifully decorated and standing in my living room. Only a few weeks ago the entire family, happy and healthy, were gathered around it opening a vast quantity of presents. We were "out of" absolutely nothing.

I went back in the house where the lights and television were on because we were not "out of" power. It was comfortably warm because we were not "out of" oil.

I prepared Ham and Cheese Rolls ala Bouchard (ham wrapped around slices of cheese) and poured glasses of sparkling Paris Reservoir Water.

The way I see it when you have a severe case of the "out of's" it's a pretty good time to stop thinking about what you don't have and appreciate the abundance of what you do.

Hit with a bad case of 'out-of'

in the breadbox.

I rarely run out of bread, but I have a teenage grandson who has been staying with me for a few days and that kid can go through a loaf of bread like a swarm of locust in a cornfield. His presence also explained why, as I soon discovered, we were "out of" milk.

At this point I was developing quite a headache and I don't think I even have to tell you that I was "out of" pain reliever. Not an aspirin, Tylenol or Aleve in sight.

With no choice but to go to the store I headed for

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OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Jan. 7

At 11:25 a.m. Lt. Tom Harriman received a request for assistance in Greenwood regarding a domestic violence case.

At 11:32 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Bethel for a reported domestic disturbance. An assault had taken place and a report was to be made to the District Attorney's office for charges.

At 3:54 p.m. Cpl. George Cayer responded to Hanover for a telephone harassment complaint. Perry Hart, 44, of Bethel was arrested and charged with Class E misdemeanor harassment by telephone.

At 7:40 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to Route 232 for a chicken coop on fire. Fire Departments extinguished it without incident.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

At 3:15 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco, Deputy Richard Murray and Deputy Mike Halacy responded to Route 5 in Albany for a rollover accident with injuries.

At 3:58 p.m. Sgt. Matt Baker responded to a tractor trailer/compact car crash on Route 26/2. There were no injuries.

At 8:48 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to a personal injury crash on the Sunday River Road in Bethel. Alcohol was a factor and charges were pending on a Newry subject.

Thursday, Jan. 9

At 8:46 p.m. Cpl. Brian Landis spoke to a caseworker at DHHS regarding child abuse/neglect in Bethel. It was determined to be a non-law enforcement issue.

At 3:55 p.m. a caller reported drivers on Main Street in Bethel possibly being impaired or on drugs. There was concern because a child was in the car. Deputy Dave Hodgson responded.

Friday, Jan. 10

At 12:17 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to a bar in Newry for an intoxicated subject causing problems. The subject was removed by friends and the deputy was cancelled.

At 8:52 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the Mayville Road in Bethel for a locked door at a business. When he arrived the door just opened.

At 9:41 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray was notified of a possible violation of a court order in Bethel. The subject left the area immediately when he learned a deputy was on the way.

At 10:33 p.m. on Main Street in Greenwood a driver lost control on an icy road, skidded across the oncoming lane and rolled over. There were no injuries.

At 10:54 p.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a disabled bus. The bus was in the travel lane and was eventually towed.

At 11:55 p.m. Deputies Willie Nelson and Richard Murray responded to the Barker Mountain Road in Newry for a subject who would not leave. He was arrested for criminal trespass.

Saturday, Jan. 11

At 4:51 a.m. Deputy Andy Whitney responded to the Monkey Brook Road in Newry for a property-damage accident. The driver had a suspended license and four warrants for arrest and was arrested.

At 3:16 p.m. Deputy Dave Hodgson and Cpl. George Cayer responded to the Gilead Road in Gilead for an accident with injuries.

At 7:29 a.m. a deputy investigated a two-vehicle crash with property damage on the Sunday River Road in Bethel.

Through the afternoon deputies responded to several property-damage accidents in Bethel.

Sunday, Jan. 12

At 10:21 p.m. on Mill Hill Road in Bethel Deputy Peter Casey assisted a state trooper with a traffic stop. A Beth-

el resident was put through field sobriety tests after admitting to snorting narcotics.

Monday, Jan. 13

At 8:30 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to the SAD 44 bus garage in Bethel for a report of a vehicle that passed a row of school buses at Telstar High School a few days earlier. A summons to the owner of the vehicle was a possibility.

At 9:05 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray responded to Chandler Hill Road in Bethel for a report of a subject who placed a dumpster and trash in the road. The deputy attempted to make contact with him.

At 10:09 a.m. Deputy Richard Murray made contact with a Bethel complainant about being punched in the face. The subject did not want to file a statement at the time.

OCSD Jail Log

Jan. 6, 7:38 a.m.: Bryan R. Legere, 23, of Waterville, failure to appear, burglary, criminal mischief; by Cpl. Justin Brown in Woodstock.

Jan. 7, 7:19 p.m.: Perry W. Hart, 44, of Bethel; harassment; by Sgt. Matt Baker in Bethel.

Jan. 11, 12:55 a.m.: Kristen M. McLeod, 19, of Paris, imprudent speed, driving to endanger, OUI; by Officer Jim Ventresca in Woodstock.

Jan. 11, 1:26 a.m.: Ryan A. Moore, 21, of Lewiston, criminal trespass; by Deputy Willie Nelson in Bethel.

Jan. 11, 8:06 a.m.: Raymond P. Stewart, 54, of Bethel, failure to appear, failure to pay fines; by Deputy Andy Whitney in Bethel.

Jan. 14, 4 p.m.: Jerry M. Irons, 31, of Greenwood, failure to appear; by Officer Dan Hanson in Greenwood.

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Streetlights eyed to highlight Bethel Village

By ALISON ALOISIO

Bethel selectmen heard a proposal Monday to better light the "gateway" to Bethel to draw more attention to the village and its businesses.

Town Manager Jim Doar said that Robin Zinchuk, executive director of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, had initially asked for additional lighting at the intersection of Route 26 and the Parkway, near Davis Park.

Doar said he and Zinchuk then drove around the area one evening to look at the lights.

"In the context of that,

we were discussing not defining that as the gateway to Bethel - let's just move the goalposts," he said.

He said they looked at the best illumination "to let people coming up 26 on Friday night know that the village exists, that at least there's something beyond taking that right on the Parkway."

Doar said their conclusions included possibly adding a street light near the ambulance garage that would point toward Railroad Street, and another next to the CMP substation across from the wastewater treatment plant.

Cost to the town would be \$10.50 a month or \$18 a month per pole, depending on the type of lighting, Doar said.

Selectman Peter Southam said he was willing to consider the idea, but preferred to wait until summer for a decision by the Maine Public Utilities Commission that would affect towns' options for street lighting.

Said Selectman Don Bennett, "I don't see any great improvement in what is suggested, but I'm willing to look."

The board decided to wait for the further information.

Bethel skier Troy Murphy places fifth in World Cup

Troy Murphy of Bethel was the top American finisher at a FIS World Cup ski moguls competition last week, placing fifth overall in the fourth stop at Deer Valley, Utah.

Canadian skiers took the top three spots.

Murphy is a 2010 graduate of Gould Academy. His previous best finish was a 20th place at his first-ever World Cup event in 2012.

"It was crazy," Murphy said in a U.S. Ski Team press release. "This is actu-

ally my first World Cup final, and then to make the super final, it was amazing. I'm just really happy. I knew that I could do it, it was just whether I'd have the day or not. I've had pretty bad luck the last couple of years, but I always believed I could be here. It's definitely my favorite course."

"Troy Murphy is an amazing story," said Todd Schirman, US Skiing's freestyle program director. "He has been starting here

the last couple years and made the team last spring. It proves that he has what it takes, and he has World Cup experience behind him. That changes his life and gives him the opportunity to ski more World Cups past North America. That's his first super final, and it really puts him in a new spot because he's got a great air package, and this is really a turner's course. He kept it tight and did a great job [Thursday] night."

so they could navigate the roads. Contributing to the effective clean-up was the fact that most people complied with warnings to stay home and off the roads. There were still some "road idiots" out there, though. On Saturday afternoon (in the freezing rain) I watched three vehicles pass a snow plow going up the hill in front of my house on Route 26. There is a solid yellow line there because of the hill, and visibility was only a few feet. By mid-morning on Sunday most of the area roads were safe to drive on.

The heavy rain and warm weather created flood conditions in the area on Sunday. The Alder and Androscoggin rivers in Bethel overflowed their banks, but did not flood the roads. There was standing water on top of the ice on some ponds and lakes. The warden service warned that ice conditions can change quickly. Warm temperatures can result in cracks and thinning ice, creating unsafe conditions. A thickness of four inches is usually thought safe for a 200 pound person. Snowmo-

biles, vehicles, and groups of people require thicker ice. Even following snowmobile tracks across the ice is an unsafe practice. Repeated traffic across ice can create cracks and weak spots. So, always check the ice for thickness and safe conditions.

There will be a free community supper on Wednesday, Jan. 29, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church on Route 26 across from Telstar Regional High School. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 824-2289.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brownnancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By CHERRI CROCKETT



Hello neighbors, I hope you're all well and didn't hurt yourselves getting rid of some of the ice buildup from the last few weeks of freezing temperatures. I am very pleased to say that I can now see my front steps and deck for the first time this winter, after Sunday's warm temperatures loosened it enough for me to get a shovel under it. Anyone for an ice chunk fight, since that's the majority of our ground cover?

This past week it was very nice to hear from Bob Hudson, who summers in Upton. He gave me a boost of spirit when he emailed me to let me know how he enjoys the weekly East Bethel column. Don't get me wrong, I'm not looking for recognition, but it's nice to know I'm writing for someone other than myself each week.

So, this past week I got a shipment of books that I had ordered and couldn't wait to dive into their adventure, whatever lesson they may enlighten me with, but first, I noticed that I still had a couple of books left to read from my last literary splurge. You see, a year ago I traveled to Connecticut with my friend Jackie for a Women of Faith Conference. They call it a conference, but that word seems very boring to me, and I was very uncertain as to what to expect. I just couldn't fathom traveling all that way to sit in a crowded room and listen to lecture about faith. Jackie assured me that it was going to be an amazing experience, and the trusting friend that I am, I went with the flow. Heck, a weekend away is just that, and if I learned a little about faith, bonus. I was open.

Upon arriving in Hartford that night and entering the massive center with 6,000 other women, all of the boring went out of my mind, and was replaced with a great sense of belonging. I couldn't wait to experience this much talked about event.

During that first evening, I sang songs of faith with all those other women and we sounded amazing. Not me, but we.

Later, back at our room, it was so hard to sleep. My mind was still reeling, my heart overjoyed with songs of praise, and I felt the power of the spirit inside me so intense, I just couldn't imagine what was in store for the full day ahead of us.

The next day was filled with lots of singing and prayer, but we had the pleasure of listening to many amazing speakers. One of those speakers was Patsy Clairmont. Patsy who, you ask? She is the author of the most recent book I read, "God Uses Cracked Pots." Let me tell you, she is funny.

Patsy takes everyday situations, of her own life, mind you, and turns them into lessons from our Heavenly Father. She is amazing. Not only did she have me laughing so hard I was crying that day, but now, more than a year later, I was giggling like a little school girl.

Her book is called "God Uses Cracked Pots," and what she has to say is enlightening, and more often than not, hilarious. I highly suggest you find this book and become more aware of all the lessons each moment of our day is presenting to us.

Now, why did I share this with you? It's simple; let's go back to me "whining" because I didn't think anyone was reading my column.

I am a true believer in allowing God to use me for

His purpose, thus, why I always share some sense of spirituality in this column. My earthly self is thinking that nobody is reading, because they don't want to read what I have to share. My spiritual self is telling me to continue and allow His light to shine through me. I'm not perfect in my faith, thus making me one of his cracked pots.

Like everyone else, reading this column or not, I need to stop, take a step back and have faith that I am fulfilling what He has directed me to do. We don't always listen to our fathers the first, second or even third time they warn us, right?

Well, the moral of the story is this; I need to continue to listen for His word and share it. I need to give thanks to Him for helping me write, and stop waiting for my own recognition. After all, it's His plan, not mine.

If you would like to share something in this column, please e-mail me at brindle-labs@gmail.com or give me a call at 357-3469. Blessings to you.

Albany

By KATHY BENNETT

Greetings from beautiful ice covered Albany! Pipes are thawed, pump is replaced and the furnace is working. We, as a family, had a wonderful Christmas, or I should say Christmases. David Bennett was home and he and I joined Doug, Jen and Bella and enjoyed a Christmas Eve gathering at Chris and Elton Cole's. Christmas day we spent with the Doug Bennett family. Later that week we journeyed to Bennington, N.H. to visit Dan and Heidi and the boys for another Christmas. Dave spent New Year's Eve with Doug and Jen and I stayed home to rest!

Franklin and Margaret Barton enjoyed Christmas at their home with many family member attending. Christmas Eve, they enjoyed a family gathering at the home of Jim and Dolly Barton.

Eighteen family members gathered at the Wardwell Farm on Christmas Day

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



The weather is still the big news this week. The rain and ice storm on Saturday created hazardous conditions for driving and walking throughout the state. Rumford closed all its roads because they were unsafe. The snow plow and sand truck crews did a great job in the Bethel area. Many of the trucks had chains

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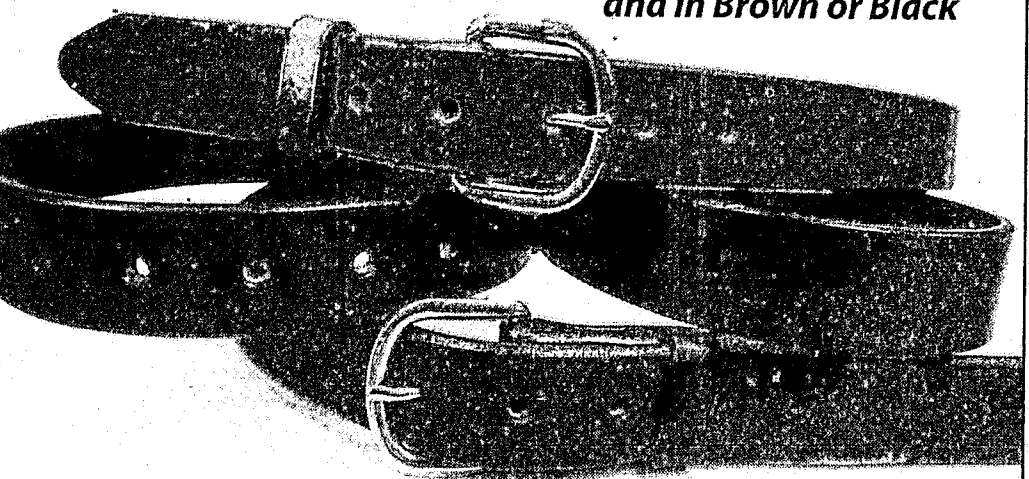
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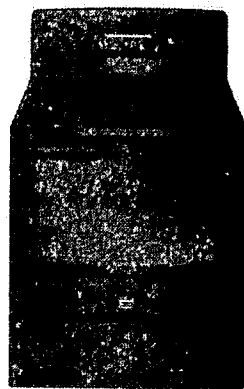
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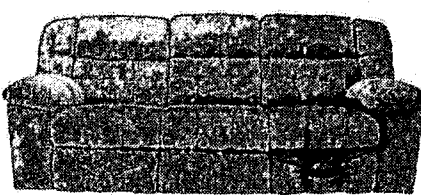
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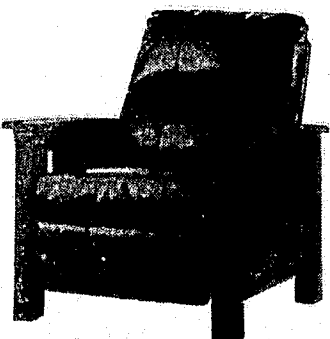
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for a late afternoon baked ham dinner and gift exchange followed by six kinds of pies for dessert. It truly was a joyful time with Darrin Reynolds, Jessica Nye, Danjean Collins and spouses and children celebrating the birth of Jesus and baby Benjamin's (age 3 months) first Christmas. From Aunt Jane he received Boston Celtics onesies in white and green for home and away games.

Barton and Lowans Wedding
On Dec. 31, 2013, the family of Jim and Dolly Barton gathered at their home for the intimate, at home wedding of their daughter, Megan Alicia Barton to Michael William Lowans. In a room adorned with poinsettias and candlelight, Jim officiated the ceremony with vows to include Frank Justin Barton, son of the bride, and his step father, Mike. The witnesses of record were sister of the bride, Rachel Grace Barton and sister of the groom, Michelle Wheelock of Augusta. The family shared a seafood chowder and baked ziti. A beautiful white cake adorned with white roses was cut by the bride and groom. All enjoyed ringing in the New Year together.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



As you know the School Withdrawal from SAD 44 was defeated by a very narrow margin and since it was so narrow the vote can take place again without the three year waiting period. As a citizen, I would like to extend my thanks to the committee who worked so very hard on the project of keeping an elementary school here in Andover. As someone said to me, "For the last three years the committee has slept, eaten and lived with the withdrawal process." They are to be congratulated on their devotion to this endeavor for the long-term good of our town and the children. There is still a group who wants to move forward with this and will be doing so. I'll try to have further details next week.

Dog owners are reminded that there will be a Rabies Clinic at the Fire Station on Saturday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$15 cash for the vet. Town Clerk Melinda Averill will be available at the clinic to register your dogs.

Over the years we have had a number of fundraisers in town to help those who have endured a fire or serious illness. One of the perennial donors of time and talent is Steve Simmons who plays with Pete Coolidge and Friends. Steve's wife Cindy has had a serious surgery in Boston recently and a group of local citizens have decided it's time to return the favor. A benefit will be held at the Town Hall on Feb. 22 for Steve and Cindy which will include a spaghetti supper, an auction, and a

50/50. There may be other things I'm not aware of at this moment. I'll keep you posted. Tickets will be on sale in local stores. It's my understanding the cost will be \$10. If you're in Andover and have something to donate for the auction contact Barbara Simmons. One of the blessings of living in Andover is how we all pull together when there are serious issues in the lives of our friends and neighbors. A special thanks goes out to the Good Food Store who is donating the meal for the public supper.

The Food Pantry is asking for canned meat donations for this month. That would include tuna fish, Spam, and chicken. The pantry is open from 9 to 10 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, but is closed if there is no school in SAD 44. Cash donations are always good and can be sent to the pantry in care of the First Congregational Church at P O Box 249 Andover, 04216. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for March 15, and there will be many important articles that need the input of voters, so please mark your calendar now and plan to attend the purest form of democracy which has been in existence in New England since the days of the earliest settlers.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Franklin Grange 124 met at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt on Saturday, Jan. 4 for a regular meeting and potluck dinner. Business was conducted followed by a program. Opening thought: When we think of New Year's resolutions, instead of resolutions, we should think of new beginnings; Bertha read an article about shoplifting at bargain prices; New Year's trivia, by Laura; "The New Year's Day Party That Never Was," read by Peter; "The Sound of Bells," written and read by Christine; Closing thought: Make each day count, for we do not know when the Lord will come for us. Next meeting is Feb. 1 at the same place.

The exercise class at the Whitman Memorial Library meets each Thursday at 9 a.m. Nancy Willard is the leader.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

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Sunday, Jan. 19 is Fellowship Sunday, with a dinner after the morning service, followed by an afternoon service instead of an evening service. Annual business meeting will be Monday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

Looking ahead, the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will be at Ledgewood Living Center, West Paris, for their February meeting on Feb. 6. Meeting starts at 11:30 followed by dinner and a sing-along with Ashley Jones playing the piano. Dues will be collected at this meeting.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



We certainly have been having some crazy weather lately, but as we know, this is Maine and one never knows what to expect in the winter.

My brother, Steve McLain, braved the slippery roads on Saturday morning and stopped by the house for a cup of coffee.

Lise McLain attended the Senior Club dinner and meeting at the Methodist Church last week.

Last Saturday evening was quite interesting weather wise. The falling rain froze and created quite a problem on Route 2 from Bethel to Gilead and on into New Hampshire. There was an accident that held up traffic and the road was shut down for several hours because of that and the fact that traffic could not move. The bad road conditions were not confined to this area but were all over the state. Law enforcement, fire and rescue



HAPPY 75TH, NANA-About 45 friends and relatives surprised Nancy (Nana) Wight of Newry with a 75th birthday party at the Black Diamond Steakhouse Jan. 5. Wight's birthday was last month, making it more of a surprise. She is shown here with her husband, John.

Submitted photo

were having a hard time to reach the scene of some of these accidents.

Hugh and I were supposed to go to Gorham, N.H. to watch our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, perform in a talent show at the Gorham Town Hall. The weather made us change our minds and we were glad that it did, but sad that we could not make the talent show. Sidney got up on stage all by herself. She sang and performed the "Cup Song" without any music. In fact, she did so well that she received Third Place in the show. Congratulations to Sidney! Several people who have seen the video on Facebook have commented that she did a great job. I have heard that her performance in person was way better than the video.

Tim and Michele not only

had a star at the talent show, but our other grandchild in that household, Ajay Landry, was part of the Gorham Middle School basketball team that won their playoff game in Lisbon, N.H. That win advanced them into the next round of competition on Sunday.

There is a sign on Bridge Street that the State of Maine DOT put there last week. It states that the bridge over the Androscoggin River will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon on Jan. 16. The bridge will be closed to all traffic during that time.

The exciting bird of last week appeared on Sunday. It was a fairly nice day, compared to what we have been having, and there was a Robin out in the front yard under the pine tree. He did not stay very long

and certainly did not try to pretend that spring had arrived.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



If you missed the open house at the new town office, you missed some of the best food around. Not only did many of our great local cooks bring goodies for the crowds, but area businesses donated some of their best yummys. These include The Local Hub, Maine Line Products, Dunham Farm/Velvet Hollow Sugar Works, and Tourmaline Farm Cheese. There was enough food for an army, maybe several armies. Oh, and, yes, everyone got a tour of the new building. There were over 50 people there.

The town office will be closed Martin Luther King Day, Monday, Jan. 20.

While skiing at The Outdoor Center (formerly Sunday River Cross Country Center), I ran into 40 Woodstock Elementary School students on the trails. The students plus teachers and volunteers take to the trails on a regular basis as part of their after-school activities. Crescent Park School students have a similar program and use the cross-country trails at The Bethel Inn. Good to see the kids outside and active. Greenwood elementary students go to the Woodstock school with the exception of those in the Irish Neighborhood who attend CPS.

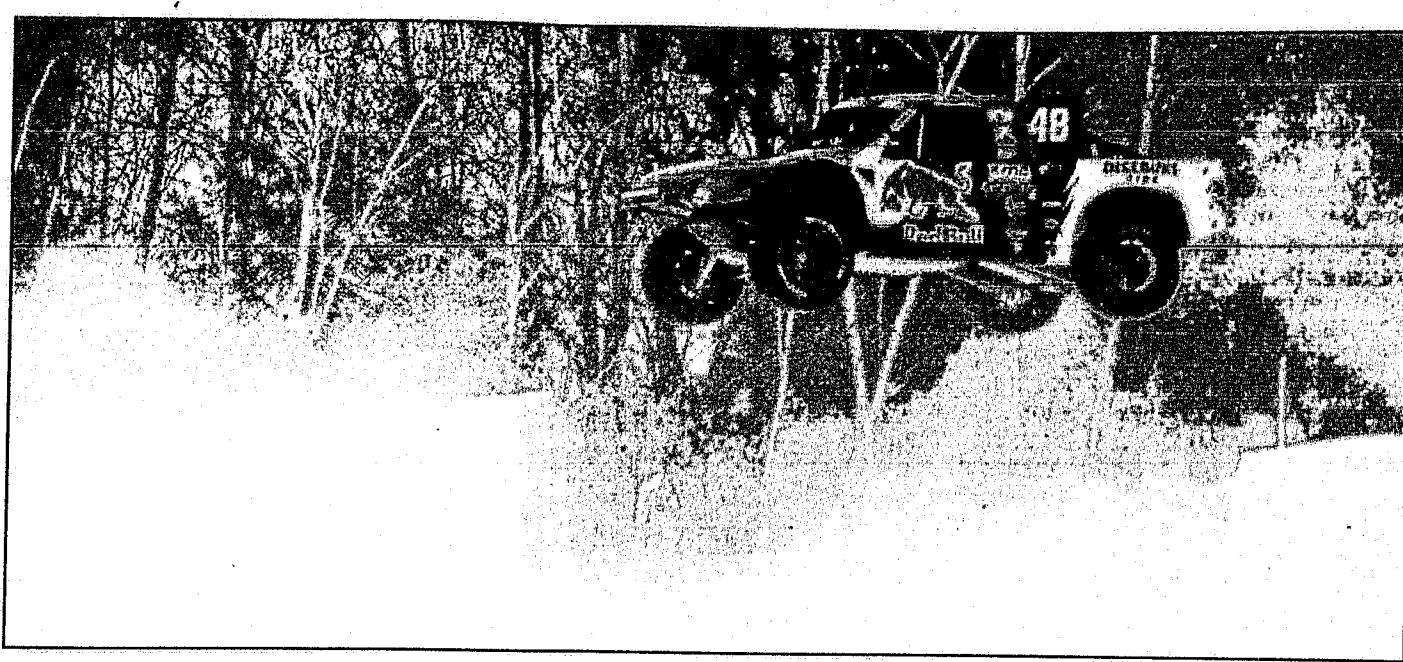
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The Bethel Area Food Pantry needs volunteers to help pre-pack food boxes as well as help on the day they are open. The pantry serves Greenwood residents (as well as other towns). If you are willing to lend a hand for a few hours a month, please call Dave Bean, the volunteer pantry manager, at 824-0369.

Last Saturday's ice/rain storm saw roads closed and businesses shut down due to severe ice conditions. Mt. Abram did not open, neither did our transfer station, medical emergencies went to the Berlin, N.H., hospital, the State police asked Oxford County residents not to drive, and the Town of Rumford simply closed all its roads. Sunday brought sun and 40-degree temperatures. Like many, I went to the Greenwood sand garage that day. People were waiting in line to replenish their sand supplies. Sand has seldom been so popular.

With the recent daytime temperatures in the 40s, it appears we have gone through the usual January thaw.

Take heart, the daylight is getting longer. We are seeing close to a half-hour

more light now than on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. On the solstice, Dec. 21, we had eight hours and 55 minutes of daylight. Now we have nine hours and 22 minutes. That's enough of a difference that most of us notice it. A month from now we'll have an ADDITIONAL hour and 10 minutes of daylight. Yes, there is hope. Please send news to 3taich16@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



I don't know about you, but I'm sick of this freezing rain stuff. Last week I used up all my furnace wood ashes, so this weekend, I had no choice but to call D.A. Wilson to sand my driveway. With our upsloping driveway, the 90 degree turn to get into it and the two inches deep ice covering it, there's no way of making it to the garage without traction assistance. This time the freezing rain left the ice so slippery, even Shiloh couldn't keep his balance with his "four feet drive!" It was interesting

to see him cross the driveway with one foot after the other slipping out from under him!

I bought a 50-pound bag of rock salt on Friday afternoon and used it to melt holes in the ice at the foot of our steps and in front of the garage. Once the salt had softened the ice some, I could scrape a lot of it off in front of the garage with a push-type shovel. The driveway was too long to clear by hand, though. I'm hoping the predicted warm weather the next two or three days will soften the ice on the rest of the driveway, probably just in time for the next rain/freezing rain due next Tuesday or Wednesday. Arrrrgh!

On Sunday morning I phoned Doug Wilson and asked them to sand the driveway. By 10 a.m., after we had missed church, Wilson's sand truck had done the job. That and the little bit of wood ashes I had made the driveway passable.

In other news, Mona decided to return Sassy to Responsible Pet Care. She turned out to not be fully house-broken and kept us awake barking a good part of the night on two oc-

casions. With that and our having to take her out on a leash every two hours or so, Mona decided we are too old to put up with that much inconvenience!

I just learned that brother Stanley was finally transferred to Market Square Nursing Home for rehab. Hopefully, he won't have to live there long before returning home.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



About 15 people came to breakfast at the Ladies Aid Building Sunday. Not a huge turnout but not bad. The Ladies have decided that in the upcoming weeks they will begin serving breakfast at 8 a.m., but may close up a bit early if they run out of breakfast customers. So if you are planning to have breakfast at the Ladies Aid you should plan to be there early.

The State Line Snowmobile Club will meet Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m., at the Upton House.

The Upton Planning Board's first meeting of 2014 will be Friday, Feb. 28.

Mr. Frank Newton of Andover made this entry in his diary Oct. 13, 1914: "Cold + Snowed all day, 4 in. Hollis Abbott's house burned in Upton tonight 9 o'clock."

Thanks for the tidbit Mike, please send some more.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



Finally we get to the January thaw. It only lasts for a few days or less, but it sure is a welcome change to those below zero days. Having a new and non-functional stove, we were really cold. Now we are back to the old stove and happy to have it. It means a lot of trips to the cellar, but it works well when it is going. The other one worked poorly and also necessitated many trips down those cellar stairs. So we welcome the few days of reprieve from the cold and maybe the ice. We need time to clear the driveway and make it walkable. As it was, I wanted to drive across the street to visit. That is maybe 10 yards or less. Hardly a long walk, but in this ice it was too far. I walk with my stabilizers on all the time, now. That is a bit awkward and not much fun. At least I do not have to go on long walks, unless I choose to. I spend too much time indoors, when I am not working.

Monday, it was a bit warmer and sunny. We opened the door and Gertrude came out to explore. She didn't stay out too long, but at least she got out and got some fresh air. Lefty stayed in. She squawked a bit but that was all. Gertrude quacked a lot. Before we let her out, she stood at the window and looked out at the sun. She has laid most days. The ultra-cold days, she did not.

Mountain Poets met last night and had a great meeting. We are growing and have several newer and good poets as members. Hope they keep coming. We meet next on Feb. 9, 2014.

Next Monday, Jan. 20, is Martin Luther King Day. Some have the day off. Many do not. It is a day to honor one of the greats. Perhaps someday we will have a Nelson Mandela Day, although I think not as he had little connection to this country. Next month we will celebrate Presidents Day. That is always a big day in ski country as is Martin Luther King Day. I know not why, but it is what it is. I just ignore most holidays, as we work when we have to and do not get too many holidays off. Even New Year's Day the transfer station was open. That is OK. We do not work too many days as it is.

That is all for this week. It is getting chillier by the minute again and I must tend to the fire. Have a great week, stay warm and watch out for that ice.

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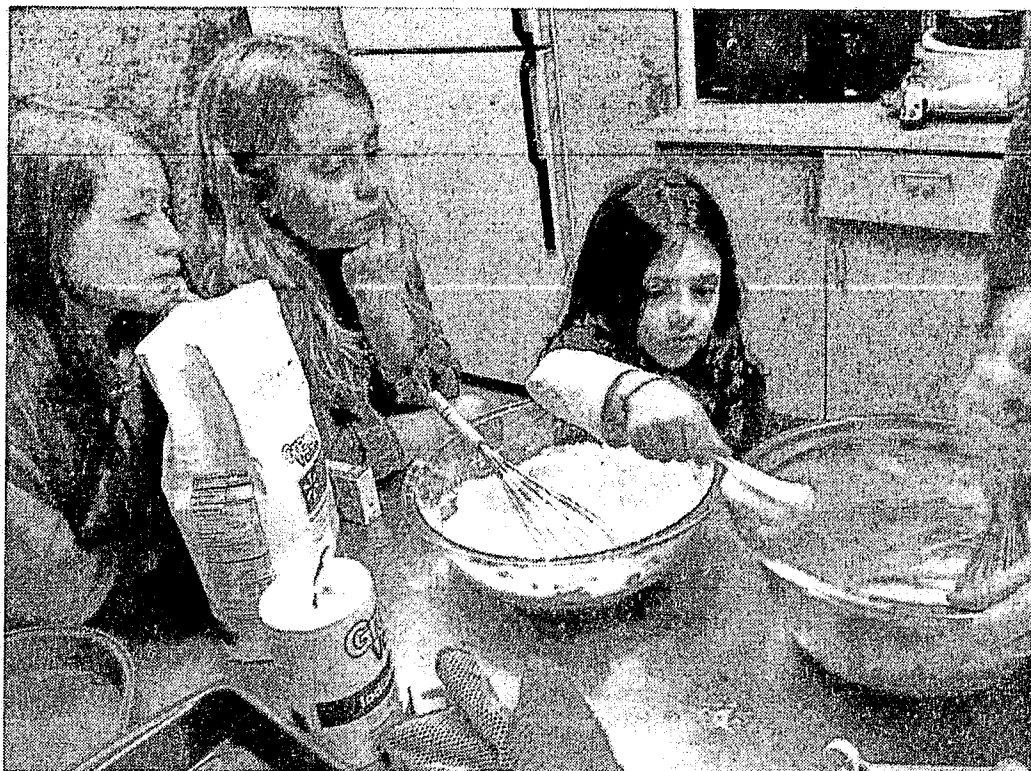
From the Director

Happy New Year! MKA was honored to have Carl Costanzi from 5210 "Let's Go" present to our staff the 2012-2013 Let's Go! Silver Site of Distinction award at our recent staff meeting. This certificate of recognition was for our commitment to providing healthy snacks and promoting active programs for our students after-school. MKA would like to thank Carl and the 5210 Let's Go! organization for this award and for all their support in our efforts.

MKA is off with a new year of activities including X-Country skiing, Karate, Theater, Yoga, snowshoeing, and fun in the afternoon. It is really nice to see so many students participating in activities both school and MKA sponsored. We are also coordinating a SAT Prep Class for Juniors at Telstar starting Thursday, January 16th. This very popular class is taught by Deb Piccirillo and Doug Bennett.

MKA is always looking for folks to volunteer their time and expertise with us. Please give me a call at 824-7007 if you would like to help. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2014.

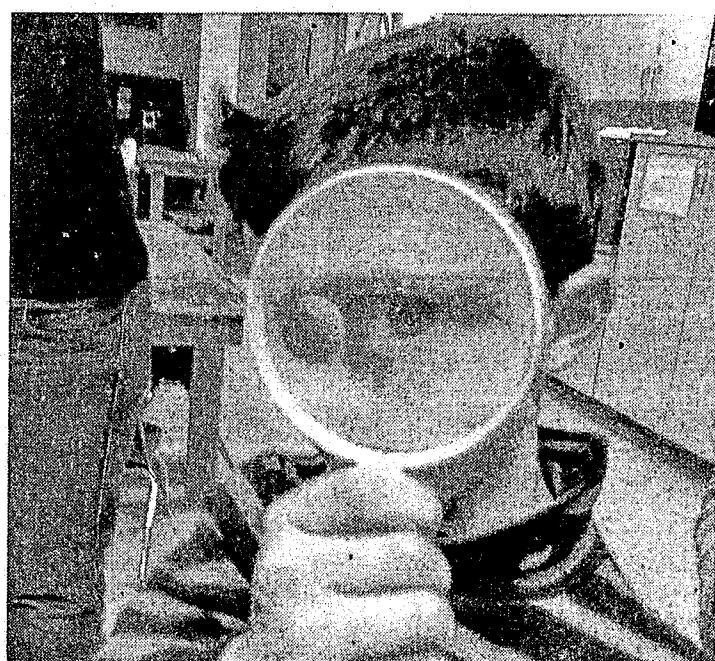
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Bella DeVivo, Julia Head, and Vivi Charette making sugar cookies.



Gigi DeVivo learning to crochet.



Seth Dupuis using detective tools for our Spy Game.



Ian and Cameron Pecunies, Skye Mills, and Ryder Bailey building our bird habitat.



Felicity Indermuehl, Corrine Nivus, and Skye Mills at our end-of-the-year party, complete with dress-up and hula hooping.



Makenzie Eliot displaying her fairy house.



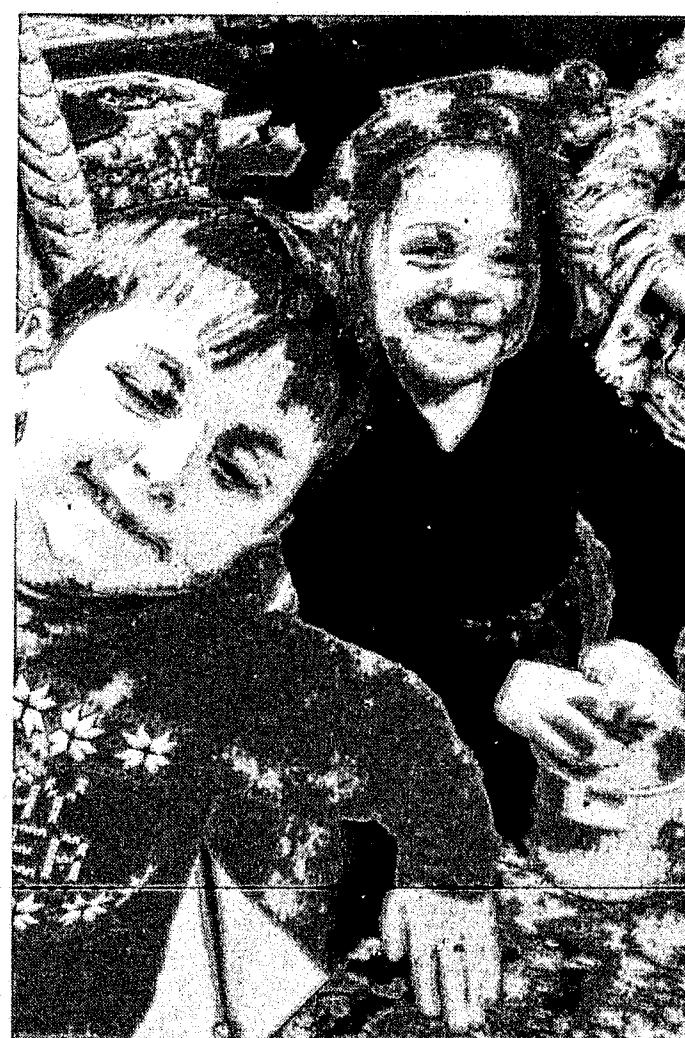
Connor Deprey and Seth Dupuis building with Legos.



Will Myers, Rosie Barstow, and Lidia Melanson put on a puppet show.



Utah Bean and Eric Chapman during Celtic day at our Myths and Legends workshop (Background: Eli Shifrin, Iz Yankura).



Max Merrill and Autumn Brooks juicing oranges.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Bethel Area Food Pantry; Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilead, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

Jan. 16, 23 and 30

Primitive Awareness; 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School. Join instructor Sonia Albins for a workshop on primitive awareness skills, where you'll learn to intuitively experience the world around you and rekindle your sense of connectedness. Cost: \$45. FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or www.sad44.maineadulted.org.

Thursday, Jan. 16

Ski the East Day; Mt. Abram. Guests wearing Ski the East gear will get a free lift ticket. Free demos from Worth skis and Launch snowboards will be available. There will be an après ski party with live music and giveaways in the Loose Boots Lounge.

Mad Science Hands-on Discovery Booth; 6 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. A fun, interactive and educational program that instills children with a clear understanding of what science is and how it affects their world. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

SWOAM Meeting; 7 p.m., Oxford Hills High School, Room E118. Keith Kanoti of the Maine Forest Service will lead the program, which focuses on the new standards that, in some cases, provide more flexibility for landowners. The meeting will provide everything you need to know before begin a harvest or thinning operation on your land. The public welcome and there is no charge. FMI: Chapter Leader Rich Merk at 415-1628.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Snowshoe Trek; 9 to 10 a.m., Witt Swamp Preserve, off Pleasant Street in Norway. FMI/registration: 743-1562 ext. 6896.

Apres Ski Party; 3:30 p.m., Mt. Abram. Live music by Pat Foley and over \$3,000 in giveaways.

Illusionist Jason Bishop; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. Bishop is an international award-winning illusionist - the youngest person to win the Magician's Alliance of Eastern States Stage Award. A surprisingly funny, truly magical show. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

Dead Sessions; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. A live performance by one of the favorite Grateful Dead tribute bands of the Northeast.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Financial issues. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Mahoosuc Land Trust Book Club; 7 p.m., Land Trust office. The book for January is "My First Summer in Sierra," by John Muir. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 824-3806.

Thursday, Jan. 23

Mollycokett Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting; 6:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, South Paris. Fly-tying presentation by Rick Little, raffle and refreshments. (Snow date: Thursday, Jan. 30). FMI: Lee Margolin (743-9808) or www.facebook.com/mollycokett.tu.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Family Fun Day; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Five Fields Farm, South Bridgton. Musers Bowl Weekend, snowshoeing, sliding, snowman building, hot drinks, food and a campfire. FMI: 647-4352 or jon@elt.org.

Crow Mountain Hike; 1 p.m., Philbrook Farm Inn, 881 North Road, Shelburne, N.H. Those wishing to carpool may meet at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office at 12:30. Hikers should bring snow shoes and poles, water, and dress appropriately. FMI: www.mahoosuc.org or 824-3806.

Greenwood Fire Dept. Fish Fry; 3 to 6 p.m., Locke's Mills Legion Hall. Menu: Fish, French fries, coleslaw and chicken. \$10 a plate with generous portions.

2nd Annual Cause for Laughter; Mt. Abram. A charity comedy event to raise money and awareness for children and families affected by Autism. Doors open at 6 p.m. with food available at Loose Boots Lounge. Show starts at 7 p.m.

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. \$5/Adults. Come have a great time.

Fireworks; 8:30 p.m. South Ridge Lodge, Sunday River.

Sunday, Jan. 26

SAD 44 Ski Free Day; Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket, free rental, free adult learn to ski/ride clinic. 50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, Jan. 27

Woodstock Republicans Meeting; 6 p.m., 61 Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond. Discussion will include the recent talk by Amity Shlaes and the up-coming caucuses. All Republicans registered in the Town of Woodstock are welcome. Please call 665-2049 if you plan to attend.

Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11 and 18

Women's Archery Club; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Bryant Pond 4H Camp. Cost: \$45, materials included. Instructor: Ron Fournier. An introduction to archery with plenty of time to shoot, learn the basics and have fun. FMI/Registration: 824-2780 or www.sad44.maineadulted.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Marketing information about branding and the need for marketing materials. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

CMCC Informational Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Telstar Library. This meeting is open to Telstar Juniors and their parents/guardians and will provide information on the relationship between SAD 44 and CMCC that allows Telstar Seniors to attend CMCC while also receiving credit for high school graduation requirements.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Community Supper (no charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Friday, Jan. 31

"Born into Brothels" Film Screening; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Screening of the award-winning film "Born into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids," followed by a Q&A session with Director Ross Kauffman.

Saturday, Feb. 1

State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting; 9 a.m., Upton House.

Maine Telemark Festival; Mt. Abram. Clinics, lessons, giveaways, and live music all day.

Sunday, Feb. 2

Ski for Mason's Mission; Mt. Abram. Proceeds of lift ticket sales will go to Mason, a toddler with severe health challenges who requires treatments not covered by insurance. FMI: Visit https://www.facebook.com/pages/Masons-Mission/343438545762098.

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Small Business Seminar; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Business planning. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

Saturday, Feb. 8

4th Annual Seed Saving Conference; 12 to 6 p.m., University of Maine, Farmington, Robert's Learning Center. The 2014 conference will focus on growing plants to save seed. Classes will include soil nutrition, isolation, insect control, seed-borne diseases, basic seed saving and advanced seed saving. Specifics about room numbers and speakers will be released mid-January along with brochures which will be available at the Saturday Farmington winter farmer's market and at The Better Living Center. This event is sponsored by Farmington Seed Savers Group. A \$5 donation is suggested to help with funding. (Snow date, Feb. 15).

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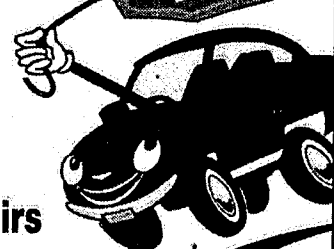
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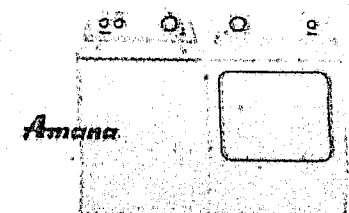
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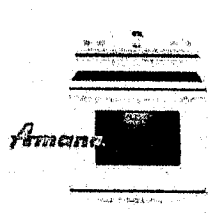
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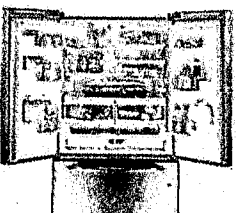
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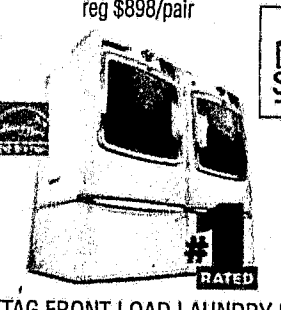
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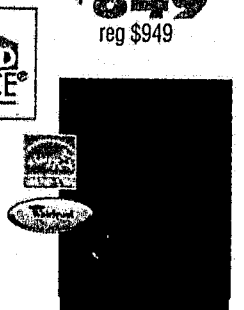


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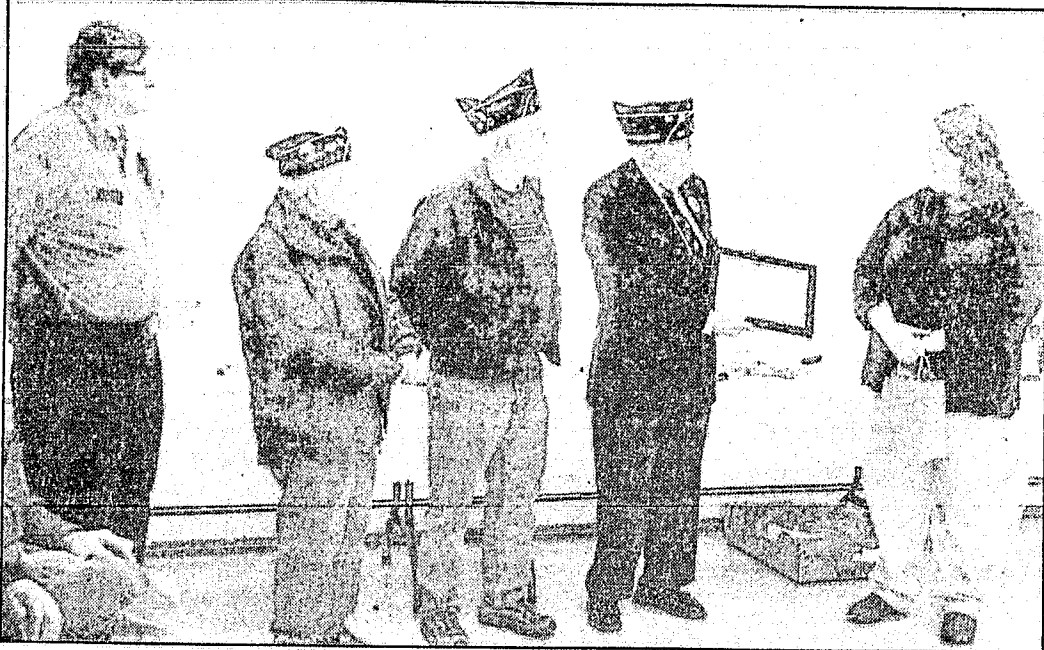
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Greenwood Town Office Open House



NEW GREENWOOD TOWN OFFICE DEDICATED—About 50 people attended an Open House to celebrate the dedication of the new Greenwood Town Office building, which is located on land leased from the American Legion on the Gore Road. Above, Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks presents a certificate of appreciation to Jackson-Silver American Legion Post 68 Commander Wayne Hakala and Legion members Harry Orcott, Richard Melville, and Al Lake to thank them for their role in making the new office possible. Left, Cubby Swan, Dale Crockett, and Denise Swan enjoy refreshments.

A. Chapman (above)
Betsey Foster (left)



CENTER RECOGNIZED—Bethel Early Learning Center recently received its Certificate of Recognition as a Let's Go! Site of Distinction for excelling in their commitment to promoting healthy eating and active living behaviors.

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Mahoosuc Land Trust News

The Mahoosuc Land Trust has recently formed a Book Club focused on reading books related to nature and the appreciation of special places in the natural world. The Book Club is open to anyone who is interested in discussions related to these topics. MLT Book Club will hold its monthly meeting

on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Land Trust office located in the Forest Service building next to the Crossroads Diner (near Rite Aid.) The book for January is the classic, "My First Summer in Sierra" by John Muir (available inexpensively from Barnes and Noble or Amazon used

books). Light refreshments will be served. The meeting for February will be held Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Land Trust office. The book for February is "Grizzly Years," by Doug Peacock. Call 824-3806 for more information. Hope to see you there!

MLT hike to Crow Mountain

In September of 2013 the protection of Crow Mountain in Shelburne, N.H., was secured by placing 240 acres under conservation easement with the Mahoosuc Land Trust. As part of the celebration of this landmark event the Land Trust invites hikers to an afternoon on Crow Mountain on Saturday, Jan. 25. There will be a guided snowshoe climb on the White Trail, after which hikers are invited for coffee or cocoa at Phil-

brook Farm Inn. The hike will begin at Philbrook Farm Inn, 881 North Road in Shelburne, at 1 p.m. Those who prefer may gather at the Mahoosuc Land Trust Office, 18 Mayville Road in Bethel at 12:30 to carpool. Hikers are expected to bring their own show shoes and poles. Please dress in adequate layers for the conditions and bring water. The Land Trust is grateful to the Werner family for their commitment and

foresight in preserving this key protected area. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County, Maine, and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit www.mahoosuc.org or call 207-824-3806.

Organizational announcements

Free assistance with college application process
All college-bound seniors and their parents: Need help with the FAFSA? Local and national scholarship searches? College applications? THS Guidance Counselor Lori Lindsay and Financial Aid Advisor Kathy Ruby are available every Wednesday evening in January from 6:30-8:30 to assist with completing forms and with any questions you may have about these processes. If you would like assistance with the FAF-

SA, it will be helpful to bring with you W-2 forms or payroll stubs. You may contact lindsay@sad44.org (824-2136 ext. 311) and kbruby@gmail.com for further information. No appointment is necessary.

Spaces Available for Bridgton Art in the Park
Gallery 302 is accepting applications for a space in Bridgton Art Guild's outdoor juried fine arts show in Shorey Park on Saturday, July 19. (Rain date July 20). Art in the Park celebrates Gallery

302's 11th year and is held in a beautiful park setting beside Highland Lake. Spaces accommodate at 10x10 tent. Spaces for last year's exhibitors will be reserved until Jan. 31 at which time the entry fee will increase. Spaces fill quickly so send in your application soon. Applications are available at Gallery 302 at 112 Main Street, or by visiting our website www.gallery302.com and downloading an application. FMI call (207) 583-6677 or call the gallery at (207) 647-2787.

Mollyockett chapter of Trout Unlimited January meeting

The Mollyockett Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be holding its first general membership/public meeting of 2014 on Thursday, Jan. 23, that will feature guest speaker Rick Little of Shadecreek Flies. Rick's program will be "Bugs and Smelt- Favorite Flies and Streamside Musings." The program will focus on 24 of his favorite flies and is designed to stimulate a discussion about your favorite flies and get people thinking about the flies you use and why. It is a fun, light hearted program, that includes photos of flies, fishing locations and some con-

versation about the flies we use and why. Rick will share his favorite freshwater patterns and some of the experiences and streamside observations that have contributed to making these flies his "go to" patterns. This will be an interesting and fun evening that will get you thinking about your favorites and generate a starting point for your winter fly tying. Chapter members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. There will also be a raffle of a box of flies, fly tying materials and a fly tying book. The meeting will be held at the First Congregational

Church in South Paris. The Church is just off Market Square on Routes 117/119 on the right 200 yards down from the intersection with Route 26. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., followed by Rick's presentation at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. In the event of a weather related cancellation, the meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30. FMI: Contact Lee Margolin at 743-9808 or visit the chapter Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mollyockett.tu.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO SNOWMEN SAY TO EACH OTHER WHEN THEY MEET?

PAIRED	___	DRAPE	MASCOT	___	COATS
SCRAPE	___	PEARS	MALICE	___	CLAIM
SECURE	___	CURES	TENSED	___	DENTS
THREAT	___	EARTH	STREET	___	RESET
BROWSE	___	BREWS	FROSTY	___	FORTS
			SOURCE	___	CURSE
			UNWISE	___	SWINE

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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



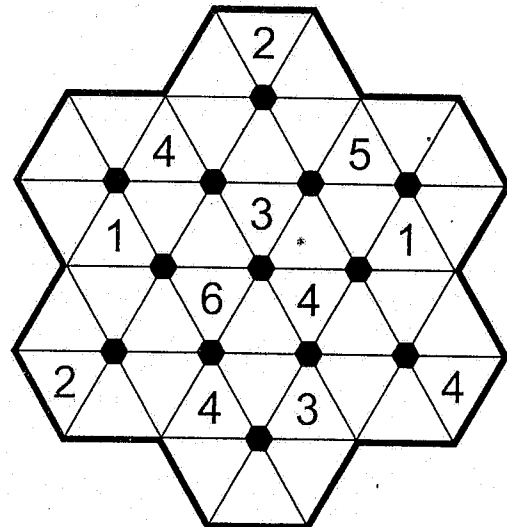
Differences:
1. Sign is missing. 2. Rope loop is missing. 3. Sun is missing.
4. Cap is different. 5. Barn structure is missing. 6. Scarf end is missing.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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"This is the real thing, Mom. Our very first date and he took me to a restaurant."

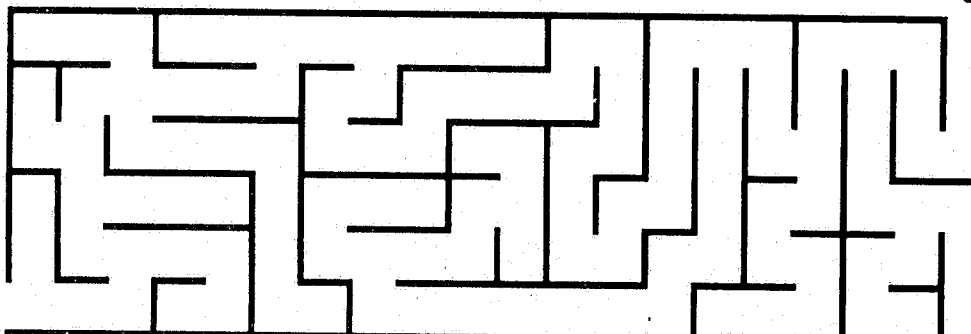
SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Clump
DUBLEN
Merry
FIVTEES
Dip
COOPS
Bandit
TOLUWA

TODAY'S WORD

Kids' Maze

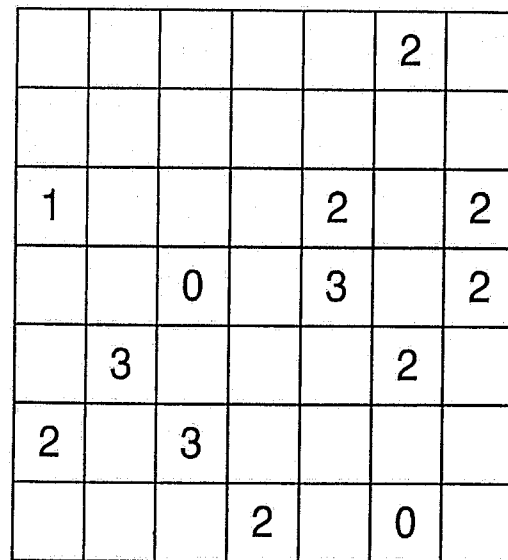


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★

★Easy ★★Moderate ★★★YOWZA!

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Super Crossword

GETTING PREPOSITIONED

ACROSS

1 Symbol before a key signature

5 Neighbor of Kauai

9 Actress Fox

14 Produces a winter blanket?

19 Arriving like fog

21 Prefix with anthropology

22 Smith's tool

23 Out of character

25 Hard up

26 Barks in pain

27 Suffix with meteor

28 Without face value, as stock

30 Theologian's subj.

31 Not up on current trends

36 Take a whack

37 States north of Nebraska

40 Bauxite, e.g.

41 Pizazz

43 Applying to all

48 Ones going a-courting

51 Reassuring words after an accident

52 "... Mac — PC?"

53 Suffix with schnozz or Motor

55 "Come again?"

56 Brief moment

57 Past proper limits

64 Ending for opal

65 Bring forth

66 Union topic

67 Lower exterior part of a ship's hull

69 L'Oreal rival

72 "Nothing —"

74 Finer in meaning

76 Taxing work

77 Construction beams with 90-degree angles

79 Buenos —, Argentina

80 Gold, to Julio

81 Loony

85 Drink like Fido

88 S-X linkup

90 Woodsy, e.g.

91 Have unpaid bills

92 Washoe County seat

93 "So long"

95 Irrelevant

102 Its capital is Nuku'alofa

104 "— for Cookie?" ("Sesame Street" tune)

105 Awakens

106 Om—

108 Subjected to severe trials

113 Golf surprise

114 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas' motto)

115 Co. offering a Buddy List

116 "The Family Circus" cartoonist

120 Shah, e.g.

122 A bit ill

127 Shah, e.g.

128 Hen's resting place

129 Remove from a computer

130 Arranged for

131 Spanish for "others"

132 Challenge for a lab rat

133 "To be," to Tiberius

DOWN

1 Big name in early computers

2 Theater area

3 Airline to Ben Gurion

4 Publication that's quickly thumbed

5 Add— (peripherals)

6 Bus. rep

7 Arrive at, as a solution

8 Not masked

9 Stat of fuel efficiency

10 Gift for music

11 One peeking

12 Vowel string

13 Amateur

14 Italian Riviera city

15 Dayton-to-Toledo dir.

16 Way up there in years

17 Broader

18 In a foxy way

20 Enlarged map details

24 D.C.

29 Declaration

32 Holds

33 Suffix with 58-Down

34 "Woo—!"

35 Momentous time

37 Speech spot

38 Peak

39 Play of fast-food fame

42 Punch noise

44 Give a— (care)

45 Suffix with east

46 With 62-Down, rotten sort

47 Dumbbell

49 Extent

50 Handle the helm

54 Timmy's TV dog

57 Yogi of baseball

58 Inflated head

59 Lemon-hued

60 Be snaky

61 Sci-fi's Solo

62 See 46-Down

63 Tapered off

65 Prefix with diversity

68 "— a snap!"

69 Coagulates

70 Lash of Western films

71 Exempt from regulations

72 Pol Quayle

73 Municipal statute: Abbr.

75 Banquet liquid holder

78 Onion or jilly

79 Help in crime

82 Beats (up)

83 Coal carrier

84 Lea lady?

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

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Kids' Maze

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There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT DO SNOWMEN SAY TO EACH OTHER WHEN THEY MEET?

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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Monmouth 57, Telstar 31; Jan. 8 - High scorer, Austin Ryerson, 8 points.

Telstar 41, Mt. Abram 35; Jan. 10 - Top scorers: Austin Ryerson (11), Mike Dougherty (11) and Maverik Griffin (10). Next home game: Friday, Jan. 17 vs. Wiscasset. - Coach Mark Thurlow

High School Alpine Skiing

Jan. 8 - The Rebel Alpine Ski Team opened up their racing season at their home mountain of Sunday River. 172 racers from 15 different high schools braved the frigid temperatures to run the giant slalom course. The Rebel girls finished with a team score of 98 and came in fourth place. Leading the girls' team was Gabrielle Stone in 13th place. Also scoring for the ladies were Anna Tyrina, Annalise Hawthorne and Ali Turnick. The boys finished with a team score of 154 in eighth place. Greg Wheeler led the team finishing in 28th. Aaron Speakman, Kellen True, and Josh Elliot also scored for the team. Sunday River did a great job setting the course and accommodating this large of a field. A big thanks to Kate, Brent and the whole Sunday River Competition Center crew, for making the race a success. - Coach Elliot

High School Nordic Skiing

Jan. 4 - The Telstar Nordic team competed in the Telstar Relays on Jan. 4. Gabi Stone, Greg Wheeler, Carla Boyle-Wight, and Liam Gal-

agher took 34th out of 67 relay teams. Their individual split times were: Gabi Stone 14:40, Greg Wheeler 11:57, Carla Boyle-Wight 13:12 and Liam Gallagher 12:40. Kellen True and Kaitlyn Brown also competed in the individual race. Kellen came in 14th overall with a time of 12:47 and Kaitlyn came in 83rd overall with a time of 15:40. It was a great event to kick off the Nordic high school season. - Coach Southam

Middle School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 39, St. Dom's 36; Jan. 10 - The Telstar MS Varsity basketball team defeated St. Dom's in a close matched game. The game was won in the third period with the Rebels out-scoring the Saints 16-2. Jarrett Bean led the scoring with 18 points, while Blake Rothwell scored 14 points. Matt Morin tossed in 4 points and pulled down 10 key rebounds. The team is now 2-2 for the season. Good job team! - Coach O'Connor

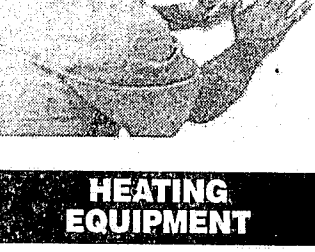
Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

With three weeks of games completed, there seems to be a development of hierarchy in the Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League. Last year's champion Ranor Mechanical, Inc. from Jay is the early frontrunner along with last year's runner up Laid Back Installers. Both teams are now 3-0. Tommy Guns, the newest team, is now 1-1 as is Archie's. Jay is 1-2, Neptune Contracting is 0-2 and Bethel is 0-3. All teams seem competitive, but the leaders appear to be more balanced and consistent game by game.

Sunday, Jan. 12 - Ranor Mechanical of Jay continued its dominance in the Mountain Valley Rec League with a convincing 115-81 whipping of Tommy Guns. Meanwhile Laid Back Installers sank Neptune Contracting, 110-41 and Archie's had a mild upset of Jay, 86-67. Ranor and LBI are now 4-0, Jay is 1-3, Archie's is 2-1, Tommy Guns are 1-2 and Bethel and Neptune are 0-3.

Ranor took full advantage of a shorthanded Tommy Guns with all players reaching double figures. Aaron St. Pierre led his team with 30 points with a sizzling 9 from three point land. Scot New (25 Points), Kevin Gallant (24), Shawn Spadea (14), Craig Milledge and J.T. Taylor had 11 points each. Tommy Guns got 23 points each from Tim Turner and Nick Weeks while Dave St. Germain had 16. LBI ran wild on Neptune as Jon Benjamin netted 29 points, Chris Baxter 26, Dan Thibeault 23 and Brian Canwell had 22 points in support. Tom Leclerc was the only Neptune player in double figures with 4 threes and 12 points. Levi Armandi had a huge second half and threw in 34 points with a stunning 10 from long range to lead Jay past Archie's. Josh McKay helped out with 12 and Matt Schmitt had 10. Meanwhile, Archie's saw their lead disappear, but not without strong performances from Cody St. Germain with 36 points and Brett Archibault with 24 points. Mike Holmquist supported with another 13. Bethel had a bye for the week. Check out next week's games and all the league information on the league's website at www.mvrbl.webs.com.

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Obituaries

LILLIAN M. GARDNER
Lillian Medora Gardner, 97, of Waterford, born March 13, 1916 in Gilead, passed away Jan. 12, 2014. She was the daughter of Camille and Florida Provencher Baker, one of 13 children, she was number eight in the lineup. She leaves one remaining sister, Margaret Buck of Florida plus numerous nieces and nephews. She is survived by her daughter, Ann C. Grove of Benecia, Calif.; Edward M. Carter and her daughter-in-law, Patricia both of Bethel; three granddaughters, Wendi and Cindy Carter and Lynette Carter Grasso plus three great grandchildren, Adam, Andrew and Alena Pulkownik all of California. She also leaves a much loved brother-in-law, Ralph Gardner of Harrison.

For better than 50 years she and her husband Edwin enjoyed a happy, busy life together. Edwin passed

away seven years ago. They met at Conant's Barn, a local dance hall, where he asked her for a dance. The song was the "Tennessee Waltz," which became their favorite and you could say from that moment on they waltzed through life together. Dancing was a favorite pastime and they attended them regularly, right up through their 80s, enjoying many long-lasting friendships through the years. Lillian was known for her apple pies, 3-inch high biscuits, raised rolls, cookies and lots of comfort foods. Cooking was one of her greatest pleasures and she was willing to teach and share many of her tricks. She sold pies to local restaurants into her 80s. Making 30 pies was not a daunting task to her or Edwin, in fact, they would come home from a dance at midnight or so, check their answering machine to find an order for seven to fifteen pies

to be delivered the next day, change their clothes and get to it before going to bed. One Thanksgiving they made 150 pies. Edwin set up the garage with plywood on top of saw horses to hold all the pies. It was an awesome sight to see that many pies displayed at once. I am sure their customers enjoyed it, too. Lillian picked apples every fall, running a crew well up into her 70s. Upon retirement, the owners gave her the ladder which she had used during her apple picking career. She and Edwin took bus trips, visited family in California and spent time visiting their friends. She was very active and engaged in life, prone to sage advice which just naturally flowed from her at a moment's notice. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends. Committal services in the spring.

Birth

Charlotte Alzena Anderson

Marcy LaVallee and Asher Anderson of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Charlotte Alzena Anderson, born on Dec. 30, 2013, 8:24 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces. Maternal grandmother is Elizabeth Lavallee of Gilead. Paternal grandmother is Julie Anderson of Casco. Charlotte joins a brother, Lewis, age 6.

Democrats' meeting rescheduled

The Oxford County Democrats have rescheduled their regular meeting and training for caucus conveners to Monday, Jan. 20 at the Crescent Park School in Bethel beginning at 2 p.m. The meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 12 and postponed due to road conditions. The rescheduled meeting will also commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King. The agenda will include updates, reports from subcommittees, and remarks by candidates for legislative and county office. The training for caucus conveners will be held as part of the meeting.

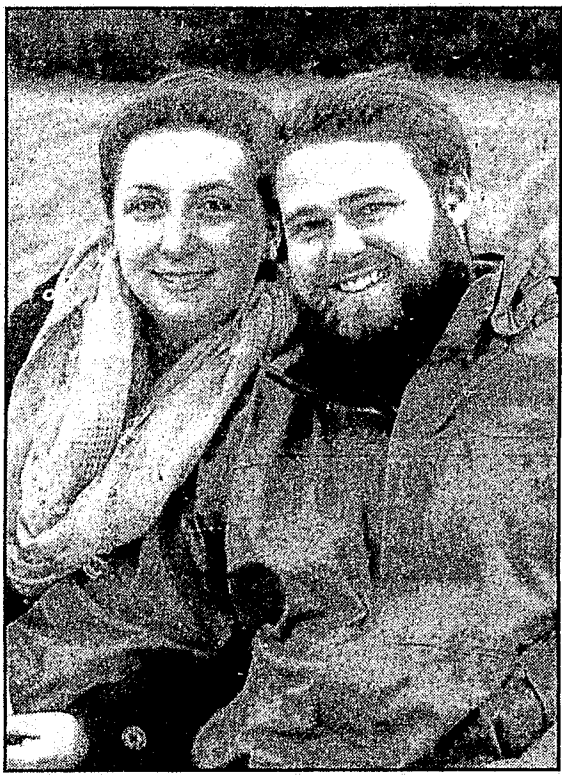
The Maine Democratic Party Caucus Day is Sunday, March 2 with meetings scheduled for individual towns at any time between 1 and 8 p.m. Many towns hold their meetings as part of regional events but also have the option of caucusing in their own town. The business of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the 2014 State Convention on May 30 and 31 in Bangor as well as to organize the party structure throughout the county. Legislative and

county candidates, as well as those representing the top of the ticket campaigns, will be attending many of the meetings to gather nominating signatures and recruit volunteers. The meeting is open to Democrats as well as others interested in electing Democrats, and will include a time to socialize and enjoy potluck refreshments. Updates on the meeting will be available on the Oxford County ME Democrats Facebook page. For further information contact County Chair Cathy Newell at 875-2116.

Engagement

Brooks/Vincent Engagement

Clyde and Sene Brooks of Bethel are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Marya Brooks, to Ryan Vincent, son of Terrie and Dave Herr of Canaan, Vt., and Kevin Vincent of Kuwait City, Kuwait. Marya is a 2007 graduate of Telstar Regional High School and a 2011 graduate of the University of Vermont with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She currently works at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services as a case manager for runaway and homeless youth in Saint Albans, Vt. Ryan is a 2005 graduate of Canaan High School in Canaan, Vt., and a 2009 graduate of Champlain College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He currently works at Laraway Youth and Family Services in Johnson, Vt., as a special educator. The two have planned an Aug. 16, 2014, wedding atop Sunday River.



Bethel senior citizens news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Jan. 8 at the Bethel Methodist Church for their meeting and potluck dinner with 30 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting, led in the salute to the flag and led in singing "God Bless America." The prayer was given by Musa Brown. Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. The raffle was won by Nancy Mercer and the door prize by Doris Mills. The auction raised \$187.50 for the club with Becky Keen as the auctioneer and Fran Head and Lise McLain as helpers. The next meeting will be Feb. 12 at the Bethel Alliance Church, across from Telstar, and will start at 11 a.m. Reservations must be made before Feb. 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-

2877. Price of luncheon is \$10. Happy birthday was sung to those having birthdays

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WHERE: Philbrook Place Main St. Bethel
FEE: \$25 for the class
Instructor: Sara Hemeon
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WHEN: Thurs., Jan. 23rd, 30th, Feb. 6th, 13th | 6:00-7:30PM
WHERE: Telstar High School
Fee: \$20.00
Instructor: Cathy Aubrey
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WHEN: Mon., Jan. 27th, ~ 12:00PM-2:00PM
WHERE: Philbrook Place Main St. Bethel
FEE: \$25 for the class
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